

**HAMMOND PORT AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
July 27, 2021**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Eva Huerta	Chairman
Diane Kaminsky	Vice Chairman (Zoom)
Kristen Cantrell	Member
Rosemary Wojdyla	Member
Milan A. Kruszynski	Port Authority Director
Julia Pustek	Finance Director
Susan Tabers	Marina Coordinator

Board Member Thomas E. Kuhn is absent.

OTHERS PRESENT

None

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The July 27, 2021 meeting of the Hammond Port Authority Board of Directors was called to order at 4:30pm by Chairman Huerta. Four members are present, one member is absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

R. Wojdyla made a motion to approve the minutes of July 13, 2021

K. Cantrell seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Roll Call	K. Cantrell	Yes
	D. Kaminsky	Yes
	R. Wojdyla	Yes
	E. Huerta	Abstain

Motion passes with three in favor, one absent and one abstained.

DIRECTORS REPORT

M. Kruszynski reported on the following:

Hammond Marina – The marina been busy with the 90+ heat. The launch ramp and parking lot fill up quickly and we've had to turn people away at the guardhouse. A lot of these are day launchers which brings a few extra dollars to the marina. This past Sunday, the lifeguards activated the emergency action plan and saved a drowning victim. The two lifeguards performed CPR and revived the man before the ambulance arrived. He was transported to the hospital. We are very proud of our lifeguards and the job they do.

Lost Marsh Golf Course – Regular tee times fill quickly. Lost Marsh had 3 large outings in the past few days.

Wolf Lake – The Festival of the Lakes went really well. The Northwest Indiana Symphony will perform this Friday. Staff is preparing for WHAM August 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. The route has been set by the Hammond Police Department keeping in mind the many construction projects going on in Hammond.

Will Wallet from the Yachting Society will be present at the next board meeting to go over the rates for the insurance renewal. He did warn us that the rates have increased 10-20 % across the board. Companies are trying to make up for the losses this past year due to COVID.

Attorney Steve Sersic and M. Kruszynski met with Chris Figueroa regarding his request to rent the pavilion for a concert. C. Figueroa has made the decision to move the date to 2022.

If reference to Yella who requested the Pavilion 8/21. No police report has been received and we have had no contact from them since the last time they were here. Based on discussions and consideration of security, staff is not inclined to recommend approval for this event.

We have also not received any response from the Hammond Police Department regarding the request from Mr. Marrero to hold a car show at the Pavilion. The original request was for 8/28 with a rain date of 9/24. We are very careful when it comes to car shows and their potential for trouble. We do not have the proper time to review the application and believe more lead time is necessary.

After speaking with Officer Chuck Turner, we are now preparing a policy for new timelines for the Pavilion rental. We will request a minimum of 180 days' notice in advance in order to have police and fire react in a timely manner. A lot of consideration goes into the process of application and approval. This is fair to all involved.

D. Kaminsky added 180 days are better for the renters as it gives them more time for promotion. This makes sense all around.

### CHAIRMANS REPORT

The Executive Session of the Hammond Port Authority of July 27, 2021 began at 4:00p.m., Chairman Huerta, Vice Chairman Kaminsky, Member Cantrell and Member Wojdyla were present. The subject matter considered were matters for the discussion of strategy with respect to the initiation of litigation or litigation that is pending, purchase of lease of real property by the governing body, and to discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B), (D),(9). The Board certifies that no subject matter was discussed in the executive session other than the subject matter specified in the public notice.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS UPDATE

M. Kruszynski reported:

Obelisk Plaza Update: There is an on-going discussion in Illinois about who owns the property. Com Ed owns ½ and the City of Chicago Park District owns ½. We are in the process of obtaining an application of appropriateness from the Hammond Preservation Commission and a letter from the Chicago Landmark Group.

Wolf Lake Parking Lot D – We need rain. The new grass was smashed from the Festival of the Lakes and rain will help restore the grass. We’re waiting for the gate and fence installation.

Marina Guardhouse – This should be completed tomorrow or Thursday.

Lost Marsh Wetland Mitigation Project – The contractor treated the invasive plants and will treat them a few more times this year.

Amoco Park Playground & ADA Concrete work update. – Four separate options were presented. M. Kruszynski will send the drawings to the board members for review. The first thing we have to address is to make the existing building and restrooms handicap accessible.

One of the playground items we’d like to see is the spongy ground cover/base underneath the equipment. Also, our choice of equipment can be purchased through the park department.

V-dock Replacement – V-dock should arrive the week of August 9<sup>th</sup>. Lakes and Rivers should mobilize sometime next week. Our staff will put in the piping for the fire, water and electricity. This should be completed by Labor Day and ready for the boaters in the 2022 season.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

K. Cantrell made a motion to approve Resolution 21-04 Respecting the Towle Theatre Project Grant for \$30,000.

R. Wojdyla seconded the motion

Discussion: None

Roll Call: R. Wojdyla Yes  
K. Cantrell Yes  
D. Kaminsky Yes  
E. Huerta Yes

Motion passes with four in favor, one absent.

D. Kaminsky made a motion to approve Resolution 21-05 Respecting Payment of Certain Debts Incurred by the Hammond Port Authority in a Timely Manner. This is an amendment from the Resolution passed 11-4-2020.

K. Cantrell seconded the motion

Discussion: None

Roll Call: R. Wojdyla Yes  
K. Cantrell Yes  
D. Kaminsky Yes  
E. Huerta Yes

Motion passes with four in favor, one absent.

R. Wojdyla made a motion to approve Resolution 21-06 – The Payment to the Civil City of Hammond in Lieu of taxes.

K. Cantrell seconded the motion.

Discussion: D. Kaminsky added it is a payment for \$500,000 which is ½ of the payment due to the City. The other ½ of the payment must be paid by the end of December.

Roll Call: R. Wojdyla Yes  
K. Cantrell Yes  
D. Kaminsky Yes  
E. Huerta Yes

Motion passes with four in favor, one absent.

K. Cantrell made a motion to approve the Recommendation for the 2021-2022 Haul Out and Launch Agreement and Winter Storage Rates.

R. Wojdyla seconded the motion.

Discussion: D. Kaminsky added that since Brownell did not increase their rates, we are passing this on to our boaters by not increasing our rates.

Roll Call: R. Wojdyla Yes  
K. Cantrell Yes  
D. Kaminsky Yes  
E. Huerta Yes

Motion passes with four in favor, one absent.

R. Wojdyla made a motion to approve Change Order #1 for \$9,000 for the State Line Obelisk Project.

Discussion: R. Wojdyla added this is for the purchase of a limestone bench which was specified by the Architect/designer.

Roll Call: R. Wojdyla Yes  
K. Cantrell Yes  
D. Kaminsky Yes  
E. Huerta Yes

Motion passes with four in favor, one absent.

#### PURCHASE ORDERS

R. Wojdyla made a motion to approve the Purchase Orders as presented.

Fund 626	Marina Operations
Fund 627	Construction
Fund 628	Embarkation
Fund 629	Lakefront
Fund 630	Lost Marsh Golf Course
Fund 631	Wolf Lake

Fund 708 Payroll  
Electronic Transfers

K. Cantrell seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Roll Call: R. Wojdyla Yes  
K. Cantrell Yes  
D. Kaminsky Yes  
E. Huerta Yes

Motion passes with four in favor, one absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Hammond Port Authority is scheduled for Tuesday, August 10, 2021. The meeting will be held at 701 Casino Center Drive, Hammond, IN 46320. The Board may attend in person or by zoom with the stipulations adopted today in Resolution 21-03. The Executive Session will begin at 4:00pm, the Construction Meeting will begin at 4:15pm and The Regular meeting will begin at 4:30p.m.

The July 27, 2021 Board Of Directors meeting adjourned at 4:53pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MEMORANDUM

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