

**HAMMOND PORT AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
February 22, 2022**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Eva Huerta	Chairman (Zoom)
Diane Kaminsky	Vice Chairman (Zoom)
Kristin Cantrell	Secretary/Treasurer
Rosemary Wojdyla	Member (Zoom)
Milan A. Kruszynski	Port Authority Director
Julia Pustek	Finance Director
Susan Tabers	Marina Coordinator
Kevin Smith	Smith Sersic (Zoom)
Steven Sersic	Smith Sersic

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Dean Button	City Engineer
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**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The February 22, 2022 meeting of the Hammond Port Authority Board of Directors was called to order by Chairman Huerta at 4:50 pm. One member is present, three members are attending by zoom and one is absent (Thomas, E. Kuhn.)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

R. Wojdyla made a motion to approve the minutes of February 8, 2022.

D. Kaminsky seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

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

Motion passes 3 approved, 1 abstained.

**DIRECTORS REPORT**

M. Kruszynski reported on the following:

Marina - M. Kruszynski reported on the 2 seiche(s) which happened at the marina and the damage caused to D dock. The ramp leading to D-dock separated from the bin wall. We will need to hire a crane to lift the dock in order to secure it to the wall. The fire system, electric and water will have to be reconnected.

Lost Marsh Golf Course - Kruszynski met with Larry Parducci, Josh Orlando and others from Lost Marsh to discuss the prep work in getting the golf course ready for the season. We are hoping the course will open in 38 days – weather permitting.

Wolf Lake and other parks - staff continue with winter clean up and garbage can replacement. The garbage cans tend to disappear in the winter.

### **CHAIRMANS REPORT**

The Executive Session of the Hammond Port Authority of February 22, 2022 began at 4:00p.m., Chairman Huerta (zoom) Vice Chairman Kaminsky (zoom), Secretary/Treasurer Cantrell, Member Kuhn (zoom) and Member Wojdyla (zoom) 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:

Indianapolis Blvd. Screen Wall – M. Kruszynski and D. Button met with Jake Dammarell from BF&S regarding the concept designs. Survey work should start along the railroad tracks (weather permitting) and Norfolk and Southern has agreed to supply the flag men. We should be receiving updates bi-weekly. The timeline goal is to go out to bid for the project sometime in December of 2022 – March of 2023.

Obelisk Plaza Update – We have a good contact and rep with HWC to help us with the Chicago Park District. K. Smith is still waiting on Com Ed. M. Kruszynski will be working on the signage for the Obelisk area.

Parking Lot D – No update.

Amoco Park Playground – We have verified the contractor is represented by union skilled labor. Work should begin when the weather turns.

Fire Station #2 – D. Button reported that there was a meeting with Abonmarche regarding land planning and D. Button will help coordinate the demolition of the fire station.

Date Center Bulkhead Assessment Proposal by Baird & Associates update/discussion – Thank you to the board for suggesting we reach out to other consultants for a proposal on the work needed. K. Smith has given us a contact.

Wolf Lake ADA Kayak & Canoe Launch Dock Update- We will be addressing a correction with the quote amount later in the meeting.

Casino Center Drive Wrought Iron Fencing and Gates update – We ask the board to check out the fence when they have time. There is no problem with the gates or concrete. The poles are splitting and rotting away. T. Kuhn offered to assist along the way and suggest different materials.

Main Dock Gate Walkway Ramp re-set and Boater Bathrooms update – D. Button met with Harbormaster Keith Carey and staff to tour and discuss the project area. There are numerous issues: The rip rap and dedicated slopes as well as the sidewalk need attention. D. Button met with Akhtar Zaman from AES and they both agreed we need additional support and pilings along the way. Akhtar Zaman and D. Button should have additional information on the foundation work and the boater bathrooms in the near future. There is also problem on A-dock with the eroding concrete at the entrance to the dock. It was suggested we remove part of the sidewalk and reinforce the affected area. Until the work is done, there will be limited access to the dock.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

K. Cantrell made a motion to approve Lost Marsh Golf Course re-establishing a Pro Shop Point of Sale Fund for 2 Drawers @ \$300.00 each, and overall Cash Fund/Band for \$3,000.00, A Concession Stand and Cart Sales & Liquor/Bar Sales Fund for 4 Drawers @ \$200.00 each and a Liquor Cash Fund of \$7,000.00.

R. Wojdyla seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

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

Motion passes 4-0.

D. Kaminsky made motion to approve the correction to the Wolf Lake ADA Launch Ramp quotes opened and read at the January 18, 2022 Hammond Port Authority Board Meeting.

K. Cantrell seconded the motion.

Discussion: D. Kaminsky explained the quote approved in January was \$36,711.70. The quote we should have approved was for \$39,706.70. The difference is \$2,995.00 which will be split with the Mayor's Commission on Disabilities and the Hammond Port Authority as this is a joint venture that will be a benefit to the community. The quoter – EZ Dock – still remains the lowest and most responsive quoter.

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

Motion passes 4-0.

**PURCHASE ORDERS**

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

- 626 – Marina Operations
- 627 – Construction
- 628 – Embarkation
- 630 – Lost Marsh Golf Course
- 631 – Wolf Lake
- 708 – Payroll
- Electronic Transfers and 2017A Bond Payment

D. Kaminsky seconded the motion.

Discussion: R. Wojdyla asked J. Pustek to explain the 2017A Bond Payment. J. Pustek explained this bond was taken out in 2017 for the purpose of the repair of the Breakwall and Wolf Lake enhancements. Two payments are made each year. M. Kruszynski added the bond will be paid off in 2026.

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

Motion passes 4-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting of the Hammond Port Authority is scheduled for Tuesday, March 8 2022. 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 in Resolution 21-03 approved by the Board on July 27, 2021. The Executive Session will begin at 4:00m, the Construction Meeting will begin at 4:15pm and The Regular meeting will begin at 4:45pm.

The February 22, 2022 Board Of Directors meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION MEMORANDUM**

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