

**HAMMOND PORT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
December 14, 2021**

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

None

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The December 14, 2021 meeting of the Hammond Port Authority Board of Directors was called to order by Chairman Huerta at 4:45pm. Two members are present, two members are attending by zoom and one member (Thomas E. Kuhn) is absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

D. Kaminsky made a motion to approve the minutes of November 23, 2021.

R. Wojdyla seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

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

Motion passes with four in favor.

DIRECTORS REPORT

M. Kruszynski reported on the following:

Marina – Final Winter Storage numbers are as follows:

On land	43
In water	5
Trailerable	14
Live a Board	2

Staff is installing bubblers on V dock.

Lost Marsh Golf Course – Even though the course is closed for golf it is open for walking the cart path.

Wolf Lake – Staff is cleaning up the curb lines along the parks. They are also cleaning up the Veterans Memorial at Forsythe Park.

Staff reported that a boat was fishing on Wolf Lake and when the boater went to get his truck and trailer, he hadn't secured his boat properly to the dock and the boat drifted into the lake. At this point, we can only wait until the boat floats to shore – somewhere along the lake.

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and Safe Holiday to all.

CHAIRMANS REPORT

The Executive Session of the Hammond Port Authority of December 14, 2021 began at 4:00p.m., Chairman Huerta, Vice Chairman Kaminsky (zoom), Member Cantrell 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 – In January, we will be reviewing concepts prepared by Butler, Fareman and Seufert, Civil Engineers.

Obelisk Plaza Update – K. Smith continues to work with Com-Ed.

Parking Lot D – Julia will email the quote information to K. Smith and S. Sersic for review. If approved, she will forward the request for quotes to the companies we feel will be interested in quoting.

Amoco Park Playground –We hope to have quotes by the next meeting.

Main Dock Boater Bathroom – No updates.

Fire Station #2 – No Update. The Mayor plans to address this in January.

Data Center Breakwall Information – Caleb Barth from Baird is reviewing the Breakwall issues from the storm. Simon Beemsterboer is replacing the concrete next to the flagpole also affected by the storm.

Wolf Lake Kayak & Canoe ADA Launch Update – Matt Muta is the Chairman of the ADA Commission and will be advising us.

Casino Center Drive Wrought Iron Fencing and Gas Update – No update, this will be addressed in the new year.

Main Dock Gate Walkway Ramp re-set update- We need to schedule a repair first thing in the new year.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

K. Cantrell made a motion to approve the Recommendation for the HPA Retiree Insurance Rates for the 2022 Fiscal Year.

D. Kaminsky seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

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

Motion passes with four in favor.

K. Cantrell made a motion to accept the 2022 Budget, Salary Schedule, Organizational Chart and Long-Term Obligations List.

D. Kaminsky seconded the motion.

Discussion: D. Kaminsky thanked the staff, especially Julia Pustek for her hard work and making the budget straight forward and easy to understand. R. Wojdyla agreed and also thanked her for her transparency. E. Huerta and K. Cantrell also thanked Julia.

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

Motion passes with four in favor.

D. Kaminsky made a motion to approve the HPA Government Service Agreement for the 2022 Calendar Year with Faegre, Drinker, Biddle and Reath, LLP, a lobbyist/law firm in Indianapolis, Indiana as presented in the December 14, 2021 HPA Board Packet.

K. Cantrell seconded the motion.

Discussion: D. Kaminsky reiterated that we share them with the Sanitary District and the Water Department. The fee will be split three ways.

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

Motion passes with four in favor.

D. Kaminsky made a motion to approve the Transfer of Funds as follows:

\$75,000 from 628 to 626
\$200,000 from 628 to 627
\$200,000 from 628 to 630

R. Wojdyla seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

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

Motion passes with four in favor.

PURCHASE ORDERS

D. Kaminsky 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, Trust Indiana Bond Payment

K. Cantrell seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

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

Motion passes with four in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Board members and Attorney Sersic wished staff and all a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Hammond Port Authority is scheduled for Tuesday, January 18, 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 Board of Finance will begin at 4:00pm, The Executive Session will begin at 4:15pm, the Construction Meeting will begin at 4:30pm and The Regular meeting will begin at 4:45.m.

The December 14, 2021 Board Of Directors meeting adjourned at 5:01 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MEMORANDUM

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