

**HAMMOND PORT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
February 14, 2023**

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Kristin Cantrell	Chairman
Diane Kaminsky	Vice Chairman
Thomas E. Kuhn	Secretary/Treasurer
Rosemary Wojdyla	Member
Eva Huerta	Member
Milan A. Kruszynski	Port Authority Director
Julia Pustek	Finance Director
Ashley Gordish	HPA Bookkeeper
Steve Sersic	Smith Sersic
Kevin Smith	Smith Sersic

OTHERS PRESENT

None.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The February 14, 2023 meeting of the Hammond Port Authority Board of Directors was called to order by Chairman Cantrell at 4:30pm. Five members are present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

E. Huerta made a motion to approve the minutes of January 24, 2023 as presented. T. Kuhn seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

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

Motion passes, 5 approve.

DIRECTORS REPORT

M. Kruszynski reported on the following:

Marina- The second set of invoices for slip payments have gone out. We are continuing to get payments in from returning boaters as well as boaters new to our marina.

Lost Marsh Golf Course- The 9 hole course may be open this weekend for walking only. It is all weather dependent.

Wolf Lake- Staff continues to monitor and clean up parks and surrounding areas.

There is another issue that the board needs to be aware of. A packet of photos were distributed to the board showing piles of tires that have been left west of 112th Street, behind Walmart. There has been some excessive cleaning by the Wolf Lake Initiative that is costing the Port Authority and the City a lot of money. They have been going out and digging up tires from the Illinois side of Wolf Lake and stacking them up on Indiana property. The police were called on them, and the police responded that they cannot do anything unless they actually see them doing it. The Wolf Lake Initiative pulled out a Hammond Port Authority business card, claiming they had been given permission to do this. There was a meeting with them less than a month ago where we suggested them getting a dumpster, which we would allow to be on our property, to dispose of the garbage instead of letting it sit there. D. Kaminsky asked if we have a camera nearby. M. Kruszynski responded that we do not have a camera in that location. T. Kuhn suggested getting some trail cameras to put up. D. Kaminsky asked if there is a reason they bring garbage from the Illinois side to the Indiana side. K. Smith responded that they know we will get rid of the garbage. M. Kruszynski mentioned that the Wolf Lake Initiative has dumped on Park/Port property as well as the Toll Road property, and that two state policemen stopped him and told him that was not allowed. Wolf Lake Initiative has 2 piles of garbage now, one being on 112th Street and the other west on 129th Street. T. Kuhn asked if this is happening during the day. M. Kruszynski responded yes. T. Kuhn suggested we put a dumpster on the Indiana side with a camera so we can catch them bringing the tires over. K. Smith suggested putting a dumpster out and then billing the Wolf Lake Initiative. K. Smith also mentioned that we may be able to cite him, and that we will get code enforcement out to address the situation as soon as possible.

Happy Valentine's Day!

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Executive Session of the Hammond Port Authority of February 14, 2023 began at 4:00p.m., Chairman Cantrell, Vice Chairman Kaminsky, Secretary/Treasurer Kuhn, Member Huerta, and Member Wojdyla are present. The subject matter considered were matters for the discussion of strategy with respect to:

1. Contractual Concerns.
2. Initiation or Pending litigation
3. Personnel matters

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CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS UPDATE

T. Kuhn reported:

Wolf Lake Trail south of the HSD Pump Station PermaTrac Repairs- Briefly touched based on this ongoing project.

McDermott Way at Casino Center Drive Drainage- Briefly touched based on this ongoing project.

Baird Data Center Sea Wall Assessment- There is going to be a construction workshop at 3:00pm on Tuesday, February 28, 2023.

Old Photo- A photo was shared of when the Horseshoe parking garage was being built.

Data Center Flagpole- The flagpole needs some maintenance work.

Forsythe Square- 20 trees were planted in Forsythe Square.

Amoco Park Repairs- There were hardware failures on some of the playground equipment. The parts are here, but they need to use a lift to replace the pieces. To avoid ruining the ground, the repairs will be completed once the ground is solid.

New DNR Representative- Our new contact for the DNR is Emily Stork.

J. Huck and K. Carey asked if T. Kuhn would be willing to help with the Binwall. T. Kuhn gave them some suggestions and is planning to come out again on Friday, February 17, 2023.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

D. Kaminsky made a motion for the Hammond Arts & Performance Academy and the Pavilion at Wolf Lake Memorial Park Use Agreement. R. Wojdyla seconded the motion.

Discussion: D. Kaminsky added that it is going to be a HAPAPALOOZA art event. Hammond Arts & Performance Academy is an extension of the School City of Hammond. HAPA provides pre-professional arts training and exposure to K-12 students. The fee is being waived to support the students and their artistic hard work.

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

Motion passes, 5 approve.

E. Huerta made a motion to re-establish Lost Marsh Point of Sale at all Locations. T. Kuhn seconded the motion.

Discussion: E. Huerta added that it is recommended that the Board approve a pro shop point of sale fund (for 2 point of sale drawers) of \$300.00 each from the appropriate fund and account as presented in the packet. It is also recommended that the Board approve a cash bank fund in the amount of \$3,000.00 for the purpose of providing change to the various point of sale drawers from the appropriate fund as presented in the packet. It is also recommended that the Board approve a concession stand and an on the course cart sale & Bar/Liquor fund (for 4 point of sale drawers) of \$200.00 each from the appropriate fund and account as presented in the packet. It is also recommended that the Board approve a liquor cash fund in the amount of \$7,000.00 from the appropriate fund and account as presented in the packet.

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

Motion passes, 5 approve.

R. Wojdyla made a motion to approve the one year agreement with Mad Bombers Fireworks Productions in the amount of \$50,500.00 as presented in the packet. D. Kaminsky seconded the motion.

Discussion: R. Wojdyla added that Mad Bombers Fireworks Productions have been the provider of spectacular firework shows for years. They always put on a great show. This particular amount of money will be used for the Fourth of July at Wolf Lake and Venetian Night at the Marina.

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

Motion passes, 5 approve.

D. Kaminsky made a recommendation to approve the Contract with Together Productions for Friday, June 16, 2023 in the amount of \$4,000.00 and Double D Booking on Friday, August 11, 2023 in the amount of \$5,500.00 as the Pavilion hosts two shows as presented in the packet. The Band TOGETHER will be performing on June 16, 2023 and the Artists Trippin Billies Tribute to Dave Matthews Band will be performing on August 11, 2023. R. Wojdyla seconded the motion.

Discussion: D. Kaminsky added that the Wolf Lake Pavilion is hosting these bands/artists as part of THE PAVILLION AT WOLF LAKE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES. Both bands come highly recommended. This entertainment fits into the City of Hammond & Hammond Port Authority recreational initiative at Wolf Lake Memorial Park. Payments are due on the dates specified in the contracts. K. Smith asked if there will be a bar set up and alcohol served. M. Kruszynski answered that there will be alcohol served and we are also working on getting some

food truck vendors. K. Cantrell asked if our employees would be the ones working the event. M. Kruszynski answered yes.

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	D. Kaminsky	Yes
	E. Huerta	Yes
	T. Kuhn	Yes
	K. Cantrell	Yes

Motion passes, 5 approve.

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

E. Huerta seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

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

Motion passes, 5 approve.

PUBLIC COMMENT

M. Kruszynski mentioned for the Board to look at the freshly painted lobby before they leave today. When the Ship Store is finished, we will make sure the Board is able to see that too. It's been a good winter for these kind of inside projects, and we have three great part time workers that have been doing a nice job painting.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Hammond Port Authority is scheduled for Tuesday, February 28, 2023. 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. A Construction Workshop and Construction Meeting will begin at 3:00pm, The Executive Session will begin at 4:00p.m, and the Regular meeting will begin at 4:15p.m.

The February 14, 2023 Board of Directors meeting adjourned by unanimous vote at 4:47pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MEMORANDUM

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