

**HAMMOND PORT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
February 23, 2021**

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

None

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The February 23, 2021 meeting of the Hammond Port Authority was called to order by Chairman Huerta at 4:34p.m. Five members are present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

K. Cantrell made a motion to approve the Minutes of February 9, 2021 as presented.

D. Kaminsky seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

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

Motion passes 5-0.

DIRECTORS REPORT

M. Kruszynski reported on the following:

The Hammond Port Authority staff has been busy moving snow, digging out and clearing trails. There are a few areas (west side of Wolf Lake because of the blowing snow off the lake and toll road and Indianapolis Blvd. by the pump station) we haven't been able to clear due to the drifting snow. Those will be taken care of this week.

The Forsythe Park cross country trail has been a huge success thanks to the efforts of N. Sullivan and her staff. Dave Dabertin wrote a letter giving major kudos to Lost Marsh Staff for their maintenance of the course.

Before there was two feet of snow, there was a man playing Frisbee golf at the park. People continue to enjoy Forsythe Park and all it has to offer.

The ice on Lake Michigan which extended out 2 miles is slowly melting. We've even seen a bit of green grass at the marina and also at the big sign at Wolf Lake Memorial Park. Spring is coming.

CHAIRMANS REPORT

The Executive Session of the Hammond Port Authority of February 23, 2021 began at 4:00p.m. Chairman Huerta, Vice Chairman Kaminsky, Secretary/Treasurer Kuhn, 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

T. Kuhn Reported:

Fire Station #2 update: They are working on the design and engineering. They are also looking into the soil borings.

Obelisk Plaza Update: The design is 90% finished. The design will be shared with the Board for their review. K. Smith added that he will also ask Dean Button to review the design. This will go out as a Request for Quotes, not bids. Com Ed is on board, we just need the permits. We are aiming for a ribbon cutting in July.

Amoco Park Update: M. Kruszynski will meet with the consultant to work on a more scaled down design.

Parking Lot D – Grass Lot Update: Jason Spain from SEH submitted drawings late today. The project will go in three phases: 1. Removal of concrete and metal debris. 2. Addition of lighting and clean and fill with good soil. 3. Plant grass. We will probably not be able to complete all phases before Festival of the Lakes but we hope to have the area cleared of any concrete and metal debris and able for festival parking.

Gold Star Monument Update: Discussion was held on using the emblems from all the branches of the service and utilizing the seawall in part of the design. Discussions will be held with Leon Wolek of Leon's triathlon regarding fundraising.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Recommendation – Re-Establishing a Point of Sale Cash Drawer for All Lost Marsh Golf Course Entities.

T. Kuhn made a motion to approve the Recommendation for Re-establishing a Pro Shop Point of Sale Fund at Lost Marsh Golf Course.

D. Kaminsky seconded the motion.

Discussion: D. Kaminsky added this is for 2 drawers, an overall cash change fund, Bank and Establishing a Concession Stand and Cart Sales. Also, a Liquor/Bar Sales Fund for 4 drawers. R. Wojdyla added that when you start bringing out the money, it's a sure sign of spring.

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

Motion Passes 5-0.

PURCHASE ORDERS

D. Kaminsky made a motion to approve the Purchase Orders as presented.

Fund 626 Marina Operations
Fund 627 Construction
Fund 628 Embarkation
Fund 630 Lost Marsh Golf Course
Fund 631 Wolf Lake
Fund 708 Payroll

Electronic Transfers and Bond Claims as presented.

R. Wojdyla seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

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

Motion passes 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

D. Kaminsky shared that she posted a few pictures of Wolf Lake and nature images (including ice fishermen) of the Whiting/Robertsdale area if anyone is interested. The staff did a nice job of clearing the paths.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Hammond Port Authority is scheduled for Tuesday, March 9, 2021. The meeting can be attended in person at 701 Casino Center Drive, Hammond, IN 46320 or by Zoom. 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.

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T. Kuhn made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

D. Kaminsky seconded the motion.

Motion was approved with a unanimous vote.

The February 23, 2021 Board Of Directors meeting adjourned at 4:45pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MEMORANDUM

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