

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

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

None

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The March 23, 2021 meeting of the Hammond Port Authority was called to order by Chairman Huerta at 4:35p.m. Three members are present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

D. Kaminsky made a motion to approve the Minutes of March 9, 2021 as presented.

R. Wojdyla seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Roll Call: D. Kaminsky Yes  
R. Wojdyla Yes  
E. Huerta Abstain

Motion passes 2 approved, 1 abstain.

DIRECTORS REPORT

M. Kruszynski reported on the following:

Marina – Staff is very appreciative for the repairs to the Breakwall and thank the Board for their patience and guidance throughout the construction process. As a result of the improvements to the Breakwall, the marina has experienced minimal damage with the 50 mph high winds and storms of late. The marina required a little repair and electrical work but nothing major. Three more storm events are expected in the near future.

Lost Marsh Golf Course – Staff expects to open the course for the season next Monday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. This of course is weather dependent.

Wolf Lake – Park staff is still in clean up mode and are busy at all locations. M. Kruszynski asked the board if they see anything that needs to be addressed, please call the office. Neighbors

are good at reporting concerns on Hammond 311 but it doesn't hurt to have others looking around for any problems.

D. Kaminsky asked if there were any reports from DNR regarding the recent problem with the deceased geese and ducks. M. Kruszynski reported that there has been nothing from DNR but the Mayor directed the Sanitary District to take samples. Ron Novak from Environmental took 21 samples from around the Wolf Lake Channel Sanitary and Environment reported there were not any problems with the water. E. Huerta added the deceased bird problem has also happened in Chicago. D. Kaminsky added the dying/dead fish could also be a result of the ice forming on the surface of the water depleting the water of the needed oxygen. R. Wojdyla added that there was an article in the Post Tribune regarding Wolf Lake and Powder horn being joined.

### CHAIRMANS REPORT

The Executive Session of the Hammond Port Authority of March 23, 2021 began at 4:00p.m., Chairman Huerta, Vice Chairman Kaminsky 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:

Fire Station #2 update: None.

Obelisk Plaza Update: We are in an on-going discussion with Com Ed on how to proceed. We're including Alderwoman Sadlowski-Garza in the talks. Bids have been received for the project and are being held until the Com Ed situation is resolved. The bids are good for 60 days.

Amoco Park Update: M. Kruszynski will meet with Matt Reardon regarding the design and engineering costs.

Parking Lot D – Grass Lot Update: We will open the bids on the March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Gold Star Monument Update: M. Kruszynski had a discussion last Thursday with John Ruble. D. Button reports that Leon from Leon's Triathlon has the contractors and trades in motion. They are also focusing on bench seating and making the Monument ADA Compliant.

Marina Guardhouse and Entrance – The underground work has begun investigating the electrical and water lines. We will also have a discussion regarding moving one of the swipe pedestals in order to make it an easier turn for the vehicles. We should begin the other work next few weeks.

Marina Parking Lot seal, coated and re-stripped – We will revisit this later in the fall.

Floating Boater bathrooms brought to shore – This will also be revisited later in the fall. We will work now to make sure the current bathrooms are in good working order for the season. The staff has some good ideas where we can move this without taking any parking spaces. He would like the board to take a field trip to the site later in the season.

New York Avenue, College Blvd sign and landscaping – M. Kruszynski met with Region Signs Grassiola Concrete. The concrete work has been completed. All other systems are a go but work needs to be done to clean up and beautify the area.

Expansion of Paired Homes North Towards CCSJ – This will be revisited later in the meeting with a recommendation for Survey Work from Abonmarche.

### OLD BUSINESS

None.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### Recommendation – Professional Services Agreement with Hutton and Hutton Architects

D. Kaminsky made a motion to approve the Construction Observation Agreement with Hutton and Hutton Architects and Engineers not to exceed \$5,000.00

R. Wojdyla seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

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

Motion Passes 3-0.

#### Recommendation – Transfer of Funds

R. Wojdyla made a motion to approve the transfer of funds (per budget) as follows:

\$400,000	from Fund 628 to Fund 627
\$100,000	from Fund 628 to Fund 627 for repair and maintenance 03S Savings account

D. Kaminsky seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

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

Motion Passes 3-0.

#### Recommendation – Professional Services Agreement with Abonmarche for Survey Work

D. Kaminsky made a motion to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Abonmarche for Survey work for the New York Avenue Paired Homes Corridor not to exceed \$12,000.

R. Wojdyla seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

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

Motion passes 3-0.

Recommendation – Hammond Port Authority Emergency Declaration Re: Indianapolis Blvd. Planter Systems

D. Kaminsky made a motion to declare an emergency pursuant to IC 36-1-12-9 because there exists an emergency with the Indianapolis Blvd. Planter systems and raised beds including but not limited to the in-ground electrical systems, irrigation systems, planter boxes and soils/vegetation. Staff has been doing their best to secure multiple quotes from Landscape contractors. We have received quotes from Great Lakes Landscaping and Allen Landscaping. We invited Myers to quote but they did not. We've also received quotes from Thomas Irrigation and Rainmaker. We propose staff proceed with the repairs using the lowest and most responsive and responsible bidder.

R. Wojdyla seconded the motion and added this Recommendation meets all the requirements for emergency by the board.

Discussion: None

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

Motion passes 3-0.

PURCHASE ORDERS

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

Fund 626 Marina Operations  
Fund 627 Construction  
Fund 630 Lost Marsh Golf Course  
Fund 631 Wolf Lake  
Fund 708 Payroll  
Electronic Transfers.

D. Kaminsky seconded the motion.

Discussion: Julia Pustek asked that we add Fund 628 - Embarkation to the claims as a purchase order was placed in the wrong account and discovered after the claims were presented to the board

R. Wojdyla amended her motion to add fund 628 to the approved Claims.

D. Kaminsky seconded the amendment.

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

Motion passes 3-0

PUBLIC COMMENT

R. Wojdyla read in the Times that Digital Crossroads have a new client. An Indianapolis firm Rack Bunker has joined the Digital Crossroads.

D. Kaminsky thanked the staff for all the hard work last year (and this year too.) She said the staff remained flexible under unusual circumstances. She also congratulated and praised Julia Pustek for the positive review from State Board of Accounts. SBOA only made some

suggestions. There were no formal write ups. They also complimented her as being easy to work with – even after having to retrieve information from a long time ago.

#### NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Hammond Port Authority is scheduled for Tuesday, April 13, 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.

D. Kaminsky made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

R. Wojdyla seconded the motion.

Motion was approved with a unanimous vote.

The March 23, 2021 Board Of Directors meeting adjourned at 4:53pm.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION MEMORANDUM

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