

**HAMMOND PORT AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
May 10, 2022**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

None

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The May 10, 2022 meeting of the Hammond Port Authority Board of Directors was called to order by Chairman Huerta at 4:30pm. Four members are present and one member is attending by zoom.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

R. Wojdyla made a motion to approve the minutes of April 26, 2022.

D. Kaminsky seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

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

Motion passes 5 approve.

DIRECTORS REPORT

M. Kruszynski reported on the following:

Marina The current permitted slips are as follows:

May 12, 2021            397

May 10, 2022            386    11 down from last year            51 new boaters

M. Kruszynski added the warm weather is bringing people in. We had 4 new boaters today. The Freedom Boat Club is having an open house on Thursday @ 5:00pm in the Clipper Room. This will be an introduction to their club and welcome to new club members. This is a boat rental club new to the marina. They have 4 boats in the marina and a small store room located in the Horseshoe garage.

Lost Marsh Golf Course – The Pro Shop has a new point of sale system that is challenging to the staff – here at the office and at the golf course. We are trying to work out some of the bugs and make sure the system meets the regulations set by the State Board of Accounts.

The staff were able to drain and fix the pond at the east end. Irrigation is running and staff finished up with the fertilizing. The exterior stairs of the building have also been repaired and repainted.

Wolf Lake and all park entities – Clark Field was cut for the first time this season. They will begin cutting grass south of Lakeview Avenue tomorrow. Clean up and maintenance continues at all the park locations.

### **CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

The Executive Session of the Hammond Port Authority of May 10, 2022 began at 4:00p.m., Chairman Huerta, Vice Chairman Kaminsky (zoom), Secretary/Treasurer Cantrell, Member Kuhn and Member Wojdyla were present. The subject matter considered were matters for the discussion of strategy with respect to:

1. Contractual Concerns.
2. Pending litigation
3. Employee Matters

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:

Indianapolis Blvd. Screen Wall – We received the invoice for the design and consulting work. Fees have been paid to get access to the Railroad so a survey can be done.

Obelisk Plaza Update – Construction has not begun. Great Lakes and sub-contractors are applying for permits. The permits are the only thing City Planner Brian Poland is waiting for to give the go ahead. We are due a credit as we discovered it isn’t necessary to clean the obelisk.

Parking Lot D – The 6 poles are up. We are trying to get an engineer assigned from NIPSCO. M. Kruszynski has been in contact with our NIPSCO representative Alexis Barber to see if she can help.

Amoco Park Playground – M. Kruszynski, J Pustek, M. Dawson and J. Gajewski are meeting at the park tomorrow to discuss moving forward. The contractor is working on getting his license to work in the City of Hammond.

Fire Station #2 – K. Smith reported the 90% of the design work is done and is set to go out to bid in June

Environmental Center – Demolition Bids were received and the low bid for \$48,000 has been accepted.

Date Center Bulkhead Assessment Proposal by Baird & Associates Update/Discussion – There is a Recommendation to be considered later in the meeting. D. Button is also working on a grant application for sea wall construction.

Wolf Lake ADA Kayak & Canoe Launch Dock Update- No update, they're still under Federal Review.

Rip Rap Port Staff Repairs, Shoreline and Soil Boring updates – The soil borings are completed and we should have the results later in the week.

The Main dock ramp has been adjusted.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

T. Kuhn made a motion to approve Baird's Sea Wall – Bulkhead Assessment Proposal

R. Wojdyla seconded the motion.

Discussion: D. Kaminsky added this is for \$58,000.00

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

Motion passes 5-0.

K. Cantrell made a motion to approve, in substantial conformity, the Hammond Parks Special Use Form Application.

D. Kaminsky seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

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

Motion passes 5-0.

T. Kuhn made a motion to approve the Ready to live, LLC – Christopher Figueroa Wolf Lake Memorial Park Facility Use Agreement REVIEW AND FORWARDING.

R. Wojdyla seconded the motion.

Discussion: M. Kruszynski clarified this Facility Use agreement is still under review and this recommendation allows us to move forward for police and fire review before we consider this application in its entirety. S. Sersic added that M. Kruszynski and J. Gajewski did a good job setting perimeters and limitations on this agreement.

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

Motion passes 5-0.

K. Cantrell made a motion to approve Resolution 22-04, Authorizing Incentives for the Certified, Open Water Lifeguards Recruitment Program for Lakefront Beach.

R. Wojdyla seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

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

Motion passes 5-0.

### **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 and Wire Transfers

T. Kuhn seconded the motion.

Discussion: D. Kaminsky asked for clarification on the claim regarding chairs. M. Kruszynski explained this is for the replacement of Emerald Green restaurant chairs, tables and highboy tables. The equipment is over 10 year's old and showing wear and tear.

Roll Call: K. Cantrell Yes

R. Wojdyla Yes

D. Kaminsky Yes (zoom)

T. Kuhn Yes

E. Huerta Yes

Motion passes 5-0.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting of the Hammond Port Authority is scheduled for Tuesday, May 24, 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 4:00p.m, the Construction Meeting will begin at 4:15p.m. And the Regular meeting will begin at 4:30p.m.

The May 10, 2022 Board of Directors meeting adjourned by unanimous vote at 4:48 pm.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION MEMORANDUM**

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