

**HAMMOND PORT AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
May 24, 2022**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Eva Huerta	Chairman (zoom)
Diane Kaminsky	Vice Chairman
Kristin Cantrell	Secretary/Treasurer
Rosemary Wojdyla	Member
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 May 24, 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 Thomas Kuhn is absent.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

R. Wojdyla made a motion to approve the minutes of May 10, 2022 as presented.

K. Cantrell seconded the motion.

Discussion: D. Kaminsky asked that the minutes of May 10<sup>th</sup> be amended to include M. Kruszynski's whole explanation of the purchase order for the purchase of chairs, bar stools, tables and table tops for the Emerald Green Restaurant.

K. Cantrell made a motion to amend the minutes of May 10, 2022 to reflect the changes requested by D. Kaminsky.

R. Wojdyla seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

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

Motion passes 4-0.

K. Cantrell made a motion to approve the minutes of May 10, 2022 as amended.

R. Wojdyla seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

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

Motion passes 4-0.

### **DIRECTORS REPORT**

M. Kruszynski reported on the following:

Marina The current permitted slips are as follows:

May 25, 2021	417	
May 24, 2022	417	66 new boaters

June 11<sup>th</sup> is our first event at the marina. We're having a "Welcome Back Boater Party" from 7-11pm. This year the boaters asked for a Karaoke party.

We are still in need of workers for Lost Marsh Golf Course and Wolf Lake. We're doing ok with lifeguards – we're getting closer to our goal. The fuel dock is also doing ok.

The splash pad may not open this weekend. The Variable Frequency Drive failed and a new one has been ordered. We cannot operate the splash pad without this as it may burst the pipes. The part is being shipped from Canada and may be in this Friday.

D. Kaminsky mentioned she saw a commercial for the Freedom Boat Club on ESPN. The club has been well received at the marina.

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Executive Session of the Hammond Port Authority of May 24, 2022 began at 4:00p.m., Chairman Huerta (zoom), Vice Chairman Kaminsky, Secretary/Treasurer Cantrell, 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**

M. Kruszynski reported:

Indianapolis Blvd. Screen Wall – No real update but Norfolk and Southern have been cleaning up their area. We are trying to schedule a meeting with Derrick Sublet – our Government Relations Representative.

Obelisk Plaza Update – The second set of permits have been applied for at City Hall and HWC has prepared the specs for the plaque. Brian Poland will prepare the historical documents. The contractors and sub-contractors are waiting for their permits to be approved.

Parking Lot D – The NIPSCO government affairs person has helped with the process. M. Kruszynski met with Emcor Hyre. They informed us there is a need for a pad underneath the electrical box. They also did the trenching to replace the conduit fiber between the light poles.

Amoco Park Playground – We are still scheduled to begin in June. They will get back to us with a start date.

Fire Station #2 – no update

Environmental Center – The building has been evacuated. NIPSCO will turn off the gas and electric within the next two weeks.

Date Center Bulkhead Assessment Proposal by Baird & Associates Update/Discussion – The contract has been signed and forwarded to Baird. We hope the project will begin by the end of the summer.

Wolf Lake ADA Kayak & Canoe Launch Dock Update- The proposed start is still in June pending Federal Review.

Rip Rap Port Staff Repairs, Shoreline and Soil Boring updates – We are waiting for the soil boring report from Akhtar Zaman at AES.

The monthly Great Lakes Water Levels, the Port Authority June Calendar and information regarding the marina chains was distributed.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

K. Cantrell made a motion to approve the Use Agreement for Morton High School Commencement at the Pavilion at Wolf Lake.

D. Kaminsky seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

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

Motion passes 4-0.

K. Cantrell made a motion to approve the Wolf Lake Pavilion Use Agreement for Leon's Triathlon June 5, 2022.

R. Wojdyla seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

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

Motion passes 4-0.

D. Kaminsky made a motion to approve Change Order #1 with Great Lakes Landscape Management at the State Line Plaza and Obelisk Project for \$10,485.00.

K. Cantrell seconded the motion.

Discussion: D. Kaminsky added that the project was delayed 14 months. The majority of the increase in the price is for the limestone benches. M. Kruszynski added they eliminated the cleaning and worked the credit right back in for the benches.

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

Motion passes 4-0.

### **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: None.

Roll Call: K. Cantrell Yes  
R. Wojdyla Yes  
D. Kaminsky Yes

E. Huerta      Yes (zoom)

Motion passes 4-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

D. Kaminsky wished a Happy Birthday (a day late) to Board Member Rosemary Wojdyla.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting of the Hammond Port Authority is scheduled for Tuesday, June 14, 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 24, 2022 Board of Directors meeting adjourned by unanimous vote at 4:47 pm.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION MEMORANDUM**

The Executive Session of the Hammond Port Authority of May 24, 2022 began at 4:00p.m., Chairman Huerta (zoom), Vice Chairman Kaminsky, Secretary/Treasurer Cantrell and Member Wojdyla were present. The subject matter considered were matters for:

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