

**HAMMOND PORT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
June 8, 2021**

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

None

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The June 8, 2021 meeting of the Hammond Port Authority Board of Directors was called to order at 4:30pm. Five members are present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

K. Cantrell made a motion to approve the minutes of May 25, 2021

R. Wojdyla seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

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

Motion approved 5 in favor.

DIRECTORS REPORT

M. Kruszynski reported on the following:

Marina – We currently have 449 permitted slips. (We have surpassed the total number of permitted slips from last year by 7.) 98 are new boaters. T. Kuhn was at the Marina on Sunday and noticed some things which needed attention. M. Kruszynski invited all the Board members to come out on a weekend (one or two at a time) to tour the marina with the Harbormaster. M. K. feels it's always a good thing for extra "eyes" on the marina.

Lost Marsh Golf Course

We've had a busy few days. There are multiple 100+ outings coming up in the next three weeks.

Wolf Lake

Kayak and Canoe rentals are doing a brisk business.

Leon's triathlon was very successful. T. Kuhn asked if it will be televised. M. Kruszynski will find out the date and channel when it will be televised. It's usually done on 4th of July weekend as it is geared toward veterans. D. Kaminsky commented that it looked really good with all the American flags.

5 beavers have been trapped at Wolf Lake. T. Kuhn remarked they have done a number on the trees east of Calumet Avenue.

CHAIRMANS REPORT

The Executive Session of the Hammond Port Authority of June 8, 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: The project may be moving south closer to the tennis courts. This will get keep it out of the way of any commercial development

Obelisk Plaza Update: Good news from the Chicago side. There is a new walkway at the bike path. R. Piazza from Abonmarche is still working on some of the outstanding issues.

Parking Lot D – Grass Lot Update: Looks great. The grass is in and site is covered in straw. The fence is scheduled to be installed soon.

Marina Guardhouse – there is still unfinished stenciling work to be done. We've upgraded and we purchased some larger stenciling of our own. They will finish the sealcoating next week.

Expansion of Paired Homes North Towards CCSJ – No update.

An update was given on the 5 year Wetland Restoration Project. We have completed Phase 2. The Wetland west of the toll road is taken care of. Cardno finished their portion last year. We're working with our consultant.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

D. Kaminsky made a motion to approve the Recommendation for the Transfer of Funds as follows:

\$35,000.00 From Fund 628 to Fund 629

\$350,000.00 From Fund 628 to Fund 631

These transfers are per budget.

K. Cantrell seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Roll Call: K. Cantrell Yes

D. Kaminsky Yes

R. Wojdyla Yes

T. Kuhn Yes

E. Huerta Yes

Motion approved 5-0.

Member Kuhn left the meeting.

PURCHASE ORDERS

R. Wojdyla 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 Trust Indiana

D. Kaminsky seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Roll Call: K. Cantrell Yes

D. Kaminsky Yes

R. Wojdyla Yes

E. Huerta Yes

Motion approved 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Hammond Port Authority is scheduled for Tuesday, June 22, 2021. The meeting will be held at 701 Casino Center Drive, Hammond, IN 46320. The Board and the public may attend in person 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.

M. Kruszynski asked if this meeting will be also be zoom. Attorney S. Sersic explained there will be a new resolution presented at the next meeting with the new guidelines for attending by zoom. There will be a few stipulations:

You can attend by zoom no more than two times in a row.

At least 50% of the board must be physically present at the meeting.

The Board members will have to be physically present if:

- adopt a budget;
- make a reduction in personnel;
- initiate a referendum;
- impose or increase a fee;
- impose or increase a penalty;
- exercise the Council's power of eminent domain; or
- establish, impose, raise or renew a tax.

The May 25, 2021 Board Of Directors meeting adjourned at 4:46pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MEMORANDUM

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