

**HAMMOND PORT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
June 22, 2021**

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

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| Diane Kaminsky | Vice Chairman |
| Kristen Cantrell | Member (Zoom) |
| Rosemary Wojdyla | Member |
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| Milan A. Kruszynski | Port Authority Director |
| Julia Pustek | Finance Director |
| Susan Tabers | Marina Coordinator |
| Steven Sersic | Smith Sersic (Zoom) |

Board Members Eva Huerta and Thomas E. Kuhn are absent.

OTHERS PRESENT

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| Jill Gajewski | Pavilion Coordinator |
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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The June 22, 2021 meeting of the Hammond Port Authority Board of Directors was called to order at 4:30pm by Vice Chairman Kaminsky. Three members are present, two members are absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

R. Wojdyla made a motion to approve the minutes of June 8, 2021

K. Cantrell seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Roll Call K. Cantrell Yes

 D. Kaminsky Yes

 R. Wojdyla Yes

Motion approved three in favor, two absent.

DIRECTORS REPORT

M. Kruszynski reported on the following:

Marina – We had our first boater party this past Saturday. M. Kruszynski thanked the staff. It rained for about 10 minutes prior to the event but stopped just in time for the DJ to begin. The boaters seemed to have a good time. Just a reminder, Venetian Night is July 10th.

We currently have 469 permitted slips. (We have surpassed the total number of permitted slips from last year by 27.) 114 are new boaters.

Lifeguard staff is doing a great job. The lake level is down about 20” so we have a few extra feet of beach.

Lost Marsh Golf Course

The course is in good shape (thank you to Larry Parducci and staff) and the play is going well.

Wolf Lake

With the hot summer weather, weeds are growing and staff is busy mowing and keeping up with the parks.

All the activities are doing well at Wolf Lake. The Kayak and Canoe rentals are still doing a brisk business. The splash pad is busy but had to be shut down for 2 days for equipment repair. The extra heat really put a strain on the splash pad equipment.

The staff at all of our locations have been doing well. The draught has posed some problems but staff has done a great job addressing the problems of the draught.

CHAIRMANS REPORT

The Executive Session of the Hammond Port Authority of June 22, 2021 began at 4:00p.m., Vice Chairman Kaminsky, Member Cantrell (Zoom) 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: the people in Chicago poured concrete for the sidewalks and extended to the bike trail. We are still negotiating with Great Lakes Landscape for the seeding arrangement and what may be supplied. This should be resolved within the next two weeks. We have had no update from Rich Panozza of Abonmarche. HWC is going to do their own survey (gratis.)

We sent staff out there to clean up (weed whack) the Hammond Redevelopment Commission property – stopping at the state line, of course.

Marina Guardhouse – Almost completed. Stenciling, striping and numbers are done. This looks really good. We still have to connect electronically.

Expansion of Paired Homes North Towards CCSJ – No update.

An update was given on the 5 year Wetland Restoration Project. Cardno will be out tomorrow to do an evaluation and possibly spray the invasive species.

The board had a visit from Ren who is interested in renting the pavilion for a concert August 14th. The board was able to get some clarification of their concerns and questions. This will be addressed later in the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

K. Cantrell made a motion to approve Resolution 21-03, Establishing a Policy by which Board Members of the Hammond Port Authority may participate by Electronic Means of Communication.

R. Wojdyla seconded the motion.

Discussion: R. Wojdyla asked if this was a State requirement. S. Sersic explained the Indiana Legislature wanted to address the post Covid-19 epidemic and electronic meetings. They extended the zoom meeting requirement throughout the pandemic and felt there should be additional guidelines. The extension now has requirements. There must be at least 50% of the board physically present at the meeting. You cannot electronically attend more than 2 meetings in a row. You have to be physically present to:

- 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.

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

Motion approved three in favor, two absent.

K. Cantrell made a motion to approve the request to rent and hold a concert at the Pavilion from Ren/Go-boys, striking all proposed additions in standard form and contingent upon all City, Police and Fire stipulations being met, all deposits being made and agreed to and all on-going compliance with any other requirements.

R. Wojdyla seconded the motion.

Discussion: S. Sersic summarized that this recommendation shows Ren/Go-Boys' willingness to enter into a contract and agree to security, EMT, fencing and deposit requirements. This approval allows the agreement to go forward with the stipulation that he will supply the full list of all the performers within the next week.

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

Motion approved three in favor, two absent.

PURCHASE ORDERS

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

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| 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.

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| 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, July 13 2021. 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 today in Resolution 21-03. 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.

The June 22, 2021 Board Of Directors meeting adjourned at 4:49pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MEMORANDUM

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