

**HAMMOND PORT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
June 28, 2022**

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Eva Huerta	Chairman (zoom)
Diane Kaminsky	Vice Chairman
Kristin Cantrell	Secretary/Treasurer
Rosemary Wojdyla	Member
Thomas E. Kuhn	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 June 28, 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 is attending by zoom.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

R. Wojdyla made a motion to approve the minutes of June 14, 2022 as presented.

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:

Boaters are enjoying the summer weather.

J. Pustek reported current number of permitted slips are as follows:

June 28, 2022 442 permitted slips 84 new

June 22, 2021 465 permitted slips

We are down 23 slips.

E. Huerta said people are probably cautious because of gas prices.

Lost Marsh Golf Course is busy with golfers and outings. The Horseshoe Casino outing was today and brought 54 golfers. The Lakeshore Chamber outing is tomorrow and they're expecting 120 golfers.

Wolf Lake staff is preparing all the grounds for the upcoming activities. The first event is July 4th. The Bill Porter Orchestra begins at 6:30pm followed by Fireworks at 9:30pm. The Festival of the Lakes is next on the schedule.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Executive Session of the Hammond Port Authority of June 28, 2022 began at 4:00p.m., Chairman Huerta (zoom), Vice Chairman Kaminsky, Secretary/Treasurer Cantrell, Member Wojdyla and Member Kuhn were present. The subject matter considered were matters for the discussion of strategy with respect to:

1. Contractual Concerns.
2. Initiation or Pending litigation
3. Personnel 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 – The conceptual design is complete and available for review. The budget has come in at about \$3,000,000.00.

Obelisk Plaza Update – Ground preparation is complete.

Parking Lot D – All the work is done. We are waiting for it to be energized by NIPSCO.

Amoco Park Playground – Still waiting for the contractor to get the necessary permits.

Fire Station #2 – None

Date Center Bulkhead Assessment Proposal by Baird & Associates Update/Discussion – Staff from Baird came out to view the property and met with Milan. We should receive the assessment towards the end of July.

Wolf Lake ADA Kayak & Canoe Launch Dock Update- The project is still on hold waiting for Federal Grant funding.

Rip Rap Port Staff Repairs, Shoreline and Soil Boring updates – We’ve received the results from the soil boring. We will add the project to the budget for next year.

Cardno has treated the red canary grass and will be treating the fragmites and cattails at 129th St.

There was a public meeting in the Clipper Room regarding the development suggestions for Clark Football Field. The 1st option was well received by the “standing room only” crowd.

We have been asked to revisit the balance left on the RDA project to use toward an environmental study on the Clark football field property.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

K. Cantrell made a motion to approve Resolution 22-05 Respecting Payment of Certain Debts Incurred by the Hammond Port in a Timely Manner – Amendment.

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.

D. Kaminsky made a motion to approve Memorandum of Understanding with the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission and the Hammond Port Authority as presented in the packet.

R. Wojdyla seconded the motion.

Discussion: T. Kuhn asked for an explanation. D. Kaminsky stated this is for three mobile box counters to determine the number of visitors using the trails. We originally spoke with Mitch Bartologa about this last year. The HPA will pay 20% of the local share, totaling \$2,169.00. Each counter costs \$3,615.00.

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

Motion passes 5 approve.

PURCHASE ORDERS

T. Kuhn made a motion to approve the Purchase Orders as follows:

- 626 – Marina Operations
- 627 – Construction
- 628 – Embarkation
- 629 – Lakefront
- 630 – Lost Marsh Golf Course
- 631 – Wolf Lake
- 708 – Payroll
- Electronic Transfers and Bank of New York Melon

K. Cantrell seconded the motion.

Discussion: R. Wojdyla questioned the Claim for Averus Fire Services. It was explained this was for the annual cleaning of the Yacht Club Hood. She also questioned the claim for the charge for heating and cooling at the Emerald Green Restaurant and wondered how the system was going.. M. Kruszynski explained this was for the Emerald Green Beer Cooler and Ice Machine maintenance.

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

Motion passes, 5 approve.

PUBLIC COMMENT

R. Wojdyla said that seniors from the Pulaski Park neighborhood visited the marina and were treated to lunch and ice cream. They loved the marina and R. Wojdyla thanked the staff for treating the group so well.

T. Kuhn asked why the Lakeshore didn't hold their post outing dinner at the Emerald Green. M. Kruszynski reported the venue could have been booked or since they've held it so many years in a row, they are maybe just being loyal to the Dynasty.

D. Kaminsky mentioned the Gold Star Memorial plaque at the bridge.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Hammond Port Authority is scheduled for Tuesday, July 12, 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 June 28, 2022 Board of Directors meeting adjourned by unanimous vote at 4:44 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MEMORANDUM

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