

**HAMMOND PORT AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
July 26, 2022**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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
Kevin Smith	Smith Sersic
Steve Sersic	Smith Sersic

**OTHERS PRESENT**

None

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The July 26, 2022 meeting of the Hammond Port Authority Board of Directors was called to order by Vice Chairman Kaminsky at 4:30pm. Three members are present. Eva Huerta and Thomas Kuhn are absent.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

R. Wojdyla made a motion to approve the minutes of July 12, 2022 as presented.

K. Cantrell seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Roll Call: K. Cantrell Yes

R. Wojdyla Yes

D. Kaminsky Yes

Motion passes 3 approve.

**DIRECTORS REPORT**

M. Kruszynski reported on the following:

Festival of the Lake was well attended and all seemed to have a safe and good time.

Venetian Night is August 6<sup>th</sup>. There will be Children's games, Food Trucks, Concert and Fireworks. Please come out if you're available.

We will go right into WHAM at midnight and the Northwest Indiana Symphony will perform on Sunday night at 5:00pm. It will be a very busy weekend for the Port Authority.

The summer season has been very good at Lost Marsh Golf Course. The course is in good shape.

The Splash Pad is hosting National Night Out on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Councilwoman Janet Venez is running the event.

The Horseshoe Casino rented the Pavilion today for their annual picnic. They'll be there from 11:00am-11:00pm. The UAW, Ford plant has also rented the Pavilion for their picnic.

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Executive Session of the Hammond Port Authority of July 26, 2022 began at 4:00p.m., Vice Chairman Kaminsky, Secretary/Treasurer Cantrell, and Member Wojdyla are 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**

M. Kruszynski reported:

Indianapolis Blvd. Screen Wall – The design work is finished. It will be a City decision on how to proceed.

Obelisk Plaza Update – The prep work continues.

Amoco Park Playground – Installation has begun. The stones and boulders will be removed (per the Chief of Staff.)

Fire Station #2 – Demolition on the Environmental Center begins tomorrow. The bids received on the new fire station were too high and rejected by the Board of Public Works.

Date Center Bulkhead Assessment Proposal by Baird & Associates Update/Discussion – Caleb Barth is asking for additional information. City Engineer Dean Button has applied for a Federal Grant as part of the Infrastructure Bill.

Wolf Lake ADA Kayak & Canoe Launch Dock Update- the Port Authority needs to meet with Matt Muta so some kind of resolution can be reached. We are also trying to be considerate of the Commission on Disabilities.

Indianapolis Blvd. Planter Repaired by Gariup. Additional Panels stored in the fenced outer lot – Looks beautiful!

Casino Center Drive approach from Indianapolis Blvd. – This has really improved the approach. We are not aware when it will be striped.

K. Smith remarked what a great job was done on removing the fragmites from in front of the golf course. It really showcases the beauty of the natural flowers....rose mellow or commonly known as rose hibiscus.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

K. Cantrell made a motion to approve Resolution 22-06 for Payment to the Civil City of Hammond in Lieu of Taxes.

R. Wojdyla seconded the motion.

Discussion: K. Cantrell added this is the first payment of \$500,000.00. The second payment will be due before December 31, 2022.

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

Motion passes 3-0.

R. Wojdyla made a motion to approve the Winter Storage Rates for 2022-2023 and the Contract With Brownell for the 2022-2023 Haul out and Launch Agreement.

K. Cantrell seconded the motion.

Discussion: R. Wojdyla added Brownell has been with the marina for a long time. The current rates reflect normal fees and we've also added a few specials.

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

Motion passes 3-0.

**PURCHASE ORDERS**

K. Cantrell 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

R. Wojdyla seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

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

Motion passes 3-0.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting of the Hammond Port Authority is scheduled for Tuesday, August 9, 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 July 26, 2022 Board of Directors meeting adjourned by unanimous vote at 4:44 pm.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION MEMORANDUM**

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