

**HAMMOND PORT AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
August 9, 2022**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Eva Huerta	Chairman
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**

Will Wallet	Yachting Society
Kathy Wallet	Yachting Society

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The August 9, 2022 meeting of the Hammond Port Authority Board of Directors was called to order by Chairman Huerta at 4:51pm. Four members are present. Thomas Kuhn is absent.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

R. Wojdyla made a motion to approve the minutes of July 26, 2022 as presented.

D. Kaminsky seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

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

Motion passes 3 approve, 1 abstain.

**DIRECTORS REPORT**

M. Kruszynski reported on the following:

Thanks to Susan and the Marina team for a successful and fun Venetian Night. The docks and boats were decorated, we had kid's games and an enjoyed great concert with Anthem. The boaters and public really had a great time!

Lost Marsh Golf Course is doing well and the court is in good shape.

Some of the staff went right from Venetian Night into WHAM. The staff worked hard to prepare the miles of bike trails. This year we had new signs (per the suggestion of Kevin Smith) which made it easier to follow the route. Thanks to Jill G. and team. R. Wojdyla asked about the total participation. K. Smith said 600 signed up and we may have had about 150 extra. We cancelled the Northwest Indiana Symphony due to rain Sunday.

M. Kruszynski stated that if anyone asks, the conservatory at Wolf Lake is used late winter, early spring to grow plants from seeds. Those plants are used in landscaping throughout the Hammond Port Authority. It is too hot to use the conservatory in the summer, so the planting begins as the weather cools down. There has been innuendo and comments from the public that the conservatory is never used.

The HPA calendar and Wolf Lake ramp closure was distributed to the board.

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Executive Session of the Hammond Port Authority of August 9, 2022 began at 4:00p.m., Chairman Huerta, 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 – City Engineer Dean Button informed K. Smith that the estimate for the project is somewhere around 3.3 million dollars.

Obelisk Plaza – Work continues and the structure is going forward. Asphalt will be poured later this week.

Amoco Park Playground – Parts of the project are done. The playground equipment has arrived. The poured surface is next.

Environmental Center Demolition – Completed. The HPA needs to remove it from our insurance policy.

Data Center Seawall Assessment – We haven't received anything from Baird however Simon Beemsterboer owes Baird some information. This could be what is holding up Baird's report.

Wolf Lake ADA Kayak & Canoe Launch Dock – M. Kruszynski met with Awana Miller and Matt Muta. Awana shared there is a long check list which must be completed prior to receiving the grant money however, a lot has been done on this list.

Carl Woodrich who was instrumental in removing the fragmites from Lost Marsh has taken a job as the Deputy Director with IDEM. He worked well with the Port Authority and we will miss him.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

K. Cantrell made a motion to approve Resolution 22-07, Respecting the Towle Theatre Project Grant for \$30,000.00

R. Wojdyla seconded the motion.

Discussion: R. Wojdyla added we have been supporting the Towle Theatre for quite a few years. They are a benefit to the community and the cultural atmosphere of Hammond.

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

Motion passes 4-0.

D. Kaminsky made a motion to approve the Wolf Lake Memorial Park Pavilion Use Agreement with Love Jessica 5K.

K. Cantrell seconded the motion.

Discussion: D. Kaminsky added they were here last year and are good renters, respected the facility and left the area very clean.

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

Motion passes 4-0.

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

\$20,000.00 from fund 628 to fund 629 - Lakefront  
\$300,000.00 from fund 628 to fund 631 - Wolf Lake Park

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.

D. Kaminsky made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the School City of Hammond and Hammond Port Authority as operators of the Lost Marsh Clubhouse to use for Sheltering and Mass Care Facilities.

R. Wojdyla seconded the motion.

Discussion: D. Kaminsky added this opens Lost Marsh Golf Course Clubhouse as a shelter in place to assist the School City of Hammond.

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

Motion passes 4-0.

### **PURCHASE ORDERS**

R. Wojdyla 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 Trust Indiana

D. Kaminsky seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

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

Motion passes 4-0.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

D. Kaminsky commended staff on their hard work and long hours this past weekend. Venetian Night right was very hot and a long day for the staff but everyone enjoyed the activities. Also, some of the staff went right into WHAM – this made for a long weekend.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting of the Hammond Port Authority is scheduled for Tuesday, August 23, 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 August 9, 2022 Board of Directors meeting adjourned by unanimous vote at 5:06 pm.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION MEMORANDUM**

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