

**HAMMOND PORT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
August 10, 2021**

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Eva Huerta	Chairman
Diane Kaminsky	Vice Chairman
Thomas E. Kuhn	Secretary/Treasurer
Kristen Cantrell	Member
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	Midwest Underwriting
Kathy Wallet	Midwest Underwriting

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The August 10, 2021 meeting of the Hammond Port Authority Board of Directors was called to order at 4:43pm by Chairman Huerta. All Members are present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

R. Wojdyla made a motion to approve the minutes of July 27, 2021

D. Kaminsky seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

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

Motion passes with four in favor and one abstained.

DIRECTORS REPORT

M. Kruszynski reported on the following:

Hammond Marina – 2021-22 Winter Storage Contracts have been sent out and e blasted to the other boaters.

Staff has been discussing 2022 Slip Rates. Proposed rates should be in your next board packet for your consideration.

The Clipper Room has been booking events for the fall.

We are hosting a boater party on the patio with the band 1540 Saturday night from 7:00pm-10:30pm.

Lost Marsh Golf Course – Course is still busy with outings.

Wolf Lake – The Kayak, Canoe and Paddle Board rentals have been going well. The Splash Pad, Forsythe Park Shelter and Park have been really busy.

The 10th Annual WHAM ride was a success. Thank you to Jill, Julia, and Mike, the police and the fire departments, the park departments and all the staff that helped put this multi-city event together. It was certainly a team effort.

Will Wallet from Midwest Underwriting was introduced and gave a detailed overview of the insurance renewal. The major discussion point was the premium increase from last year of 20%. W. Wallet distributed the premium breakdown for each of the Port Authority entities and touched upon each one. He also distributed the breakdown for terrorism coverage (if the board decides to go forward with it.)

CHAIRMANS REPORT

The Executive Session of the Hammond Port Authority of August 10, 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

M. Kruszynski reported:

Obelisk Plaza Update: M. Kruszynski went before the Hammond Historic Preservation Commission to apply for the Certification of Appropriateness. HE spoke about the improvements from the City of Chicago and are still looking for additional information from ComEd of Illinois. Keith Sattler, Kevin Smith and Milan Kruszynski had a zoom meeting and reviewed plans with Great Lakes Landscaping. Everything is on hold now. Some plantings may need to wait until next season. The limestone has been ordered and K. Sattler has reached out regarding a plaque. K. Smith added the improvement of the sidewalk Alderwoman Garza had installed really makes a difference.

Wolf Lake Parking Lot D – We are currently waiting for the contractor to install everything. They're moving at a slow pace. Lighting was delivered and is being stored in a secure location. The contractor doesn't have enough staff to do the installation at this time. The poles are also being stored.

The cattle gates have been installed at Parking Lot C. We have not yet received the fencing that separates the property from the Electric Company and cattle gates for Parking Lot D.

Amoco Park Playground & ADA Concrete work update. – M. Kruszynski asked the Board members for suggestions for the playground equipment. After review, the board decided on option #2. M. Kruszynski will contact NuToys to get the ball rolling.

V-dock Replacement – V-dock should be delivered this week. Once this happens, we will engage Will Wallet with putting together builders risk insurance coverage.

K. Smith reminded the board about Matt Muta from the disabilities commission contacting the HPA regarding information on handicap accessibility for the boat ramp at Wolf Lake in order to better access kayaks and canoes. M. Muta (along with HPA) will be looking at grant opportunities,

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

K. Cantrell made a motion to approve the application, in substantial conformity, for the Love Jessica 5K run for the Wolf Lake Pavilion. That is with waiver for Love Jessica, Inc., a 5013C Company.

R. Wojdyla seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

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

Motion passes with five in favor.

PURCHASE ORDERS

T. Kuhn 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

R. Wojdyla seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

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

E. Huerta Yes

Motion passes with five in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Hammond Port Authority is scheduled for Tuesday, August 24, 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 in Resolution 21-03 approved by the Board on July 27, 2021. 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 August 10, 2021 Board Of Directors meeting adjourned at 5:20pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MEMORANDUM

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