

**HAMMOND PORT AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
August 23, 2022**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

|                     |                         |
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| Eva Huerta          | Chairman (zoom)         |
| Kristin Cantrell    | Secretary/Treasurer     |
| Rosemary Wojdyla    | Member                  |
| Thomas E. Kuhn      | Member                  |
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| 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 and Kathy Wallet    | Yachting Society    |
| Ron and Ronnie Prestamer | Prestamer Insurance |

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The August 23, 2022 meeting of the Hammond Port Authority Board of Directors was called to order by Chairman Huerta at 4:52pm. Three members are present. Eva Huerta is attending by zoom and Diane Kaminsky is absent.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

R. Wojdyla made a motion to approve the minutes of August 9, 2022 as presented.

K. Cantrell seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

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|------------|-------------|------------|
| Roll Call: | K. Cantrell | Yes        |
|            | R. Wojdyla  | Yes        |
|            | T. Kuhn     | Abstain    |
|            | E. Huerta   | Yes (zoom) |

Motion passes 3 approve, 1 abstains.

**DIRECTORS REPORT**

M. Kruszynski reported on the following:

The boaters are enjoying the beautiful weather. The next event (and last event of the season) is MOTOWN Night Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> from 7:00pm – 10:00 p.m. This event is very popular with the boaters as well as the public.

Everything is going well at Lost Marsh.

The beavers are back at it at the Wolf Lake Trails and parks. We may have to contact our wildlife person to address this.

The Sinatra concert is at the Pavilion September 10<sup>th</sup>.

The September 11<sup>th</sup> Memorial ceremony will be held at the State Line Obelisk Archway Plaza, Flag Pole Area, Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am.

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Executive Session of the Hammond Port Authority of August 23, 2022 began at 4:00p.m., Chairman Huerta (zoom), Secretary/Treasurer Cantrell, Member Wojdyla and Member Kuhn 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**

T. Kuhn reported:

Obelisk Plaza Update – The work is going well.

Amoco Park Playground – The project is close to completion. The large boulders still need to be removed.

Date Center Bulkhead Assessment Proposal by Baird & Associates Update/Discussion – Baird is still working with Simon Beemsterboer regarding the design.

Wolf Lake ADA Kayak & Canoe Launch Dock Update- We have decided to wait for the Federal Grant Money to come in.

M. Kruszynski distributed a letter from Thomas Dabertin requesting that the City of Hammond bestow the honor of naming the causeway bicycle path for Frank Mrvan Sr. Senator Mrvan has been fiercely loyal to the residents of Whiting/Robertsdale and his efforts (in part) led to the origins of Lost Marsh Golf Course and nature area.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

K. Cantrell made a motion to approve the Recommendation for the Girl's on the Run 5K Pavilion and Wolf Lake Memorial Park Use Agreement.

R. Wojdyla seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

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

Motion passes 4-0.

K. Cantrell made a motion to approve the 2023 Season Boater Slip Rates for the Hammond Marina.

T. Kuhn seconded the motion.

Discussion: K. Cantrell added there has been no rate increase.

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

Motion passes 4-0.

T. Kuhn made a motion to approve the 2023 Hammond Marina Lake Michigan, Lakefront Beach and Public Parking Fee Changes.

K. Cantrell seconded the motion.

Discussion: E. Huerta agreed with the raised fee. M. Kruszynski added he asked for staff involvement and it's good idea to bring back the season pass.

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

Motion passes 4-0.

T. Kuhn made a motion to approve Change Order #2 with Great Lakes Landscape Mgmt., at the State Line Plaza and Obelisk Project.

R. Wojdyla seconded the motion.

Discussion: T. Kuhn further explained: The original Change Order #1 was approved by the HPA Board for \$84,805.00 last April. The amount with Change Order #1 is \$95,290.00. With the addition of Change Order #2, in the increased amount of \$11,725.00, the new total is \$107,015.00. T. Kuhn attributed the increase to the

rise in asphalt costs. K. Smith added this new amount is still under the next lowest bid amount.

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

Motion passes 4-0.

K. Cantrell made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 Marina Property Insurance (Fixed and floating) and all Applicable Policy and Surplus Lines Fees, Operators Commercial Package, Bumpershoot, Storage Tank Liability and other related Insurance Coverage – not to exceed \$581,965.70.

T. Kuhn seconded the motion.

Discussion: Will Wallet from Yachting Society is working to get the lowest premium possible.  
R. Wojdyla added the sub limits have been removed and the premium has not changed.

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

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

T. Kuhn seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

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

Motion passes 4-0.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting of the Hammond Port Authority is scheduled for Tuesday, September 13, 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 23, 2022 Board of Directors meeting adjourned by unanimous vote at 5:08 pm.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION MEMORANDUM**

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