

**HAMMOND PORT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
September 13, 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
Kevin Smith	Smith Sersic (Zoom)
Steve Sersic	Smith Sersic

OTHERS PRESENT

Will and Kathy Walle	Yachting Society
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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The September 13, 2022 meeting of the Hammond Port Authority Board of Directors was called to order by Chairman Huerta at 4:31pm. Four members are present. Eva Huerta is attending by zoom.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

R. Wojdyla made a motion to approve the minutes of August 23, 2022 as presented.

K. Cantrell seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

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

Motion passes 4 approve, 1 abstains.

DIRECTORS REPORT

M. Kruszynski reported on the following:

Marina – In the last two weeks, we have seen a large number of boaters doing the loop. They're docking here before they continue to the Mississippi River. For the most part, they've been gracious and appreciative. They're here anywhere from 1 day to up to 6 weeks and some drop off their boat, go home to attend to business and come back to continue the loop.

They'll be a big push in the next 3 weeks for winter storage. Haul Out is scheduled for October 14 and 15. Our current numbers (for those that have reserved) are low. We need 40 boats to break even

Lost Marsh Golf Course – The course has really set a good pace. This past Saturday, despite the rain, the course hosted a large outing and brought in about \$6,000.00.

There is an issue with the Splash Pad Mother Board, specifically the screen. We advised the Mayor of the problem and the length of time it would take to get the replacement part and he agreed we should close it down for the season.

We are close to scheduling the re-dedication for the Obelisk Plaza. We'll have to coordinate the schedule of the Mayor, 10th Ward Alderwoman Susan Sadowski Garza and all other responsible parties.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Executive Session of the Hammond Port Authority of September 13, 2022 began at 4:00p.m., Chairman Huerta (zoom), Vice Chairman Kaminsky, 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 – A few of the board members took a field trip prior to the meeting to see the progress. The punch list has been done but we will have to go back to address some issues.

Amoco Park Playground – We will have to go through the items addressed when the punch list was done a week ago. D. Kaminsky asked whether we are planning to bring in benches and make a shaded area for the parents to sit. (There have been some comments on Facebook.) We may have to find some funding in the budget but this will not happen this year.

Date Center Bulkhead Assessment Proposal by Baird & Associates Update/Discussion – Baird has presented information and is also contacting Simon Beemsterboer for additional documents.

Wolf Lake ADA Kayak & Canoe Launch Dock Update- We were just informed the Federal Grant money has been released. M. Kruszynski has signed the agreement and the project should begin soon.

T. Kuhn reported that the Port Authority has come to an agreement for settlement regarding the drainage issues with the ticket booths at the Pavilion.

Ryan King, the landscape architect at BFS has submitted a concept package for the screen wall to the Rail Road.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

K Cantrell made a motion to approve/award the Insurance for the Port Authority Park Package to the Yachting Society- Hudson Insurance, with a premium of \$199,452.00.

D. Kaminsky seconded the motion.

Discussion: K. Cantrell added we want to remain consistent and ensure we have the proper coverage for this year. We will revisit this next year in a timelier manner,
S. Sersic – The board did a conscientious study of the various presentations and had to deal with set of conflicting points. There was only a short period of time given to consider this arduous process and in the end felt more secure with the Yachting Society.
R. Wojdyla –In the short time, the board looked at every possibility to save money and felt the Yachting Society gave the best evidence to prudently pass the recommendation. The board appreciated Will Wallet addressing any concerns.

Roll Call: K. Cantrell Yes
R. Wojdyla Yes
D. Kaminsky Yes
T. Kuhn Yes
E. Huerta No

Motion passes, 4 approve, 1 rejection.

T. Kuhn made a motion to award the Directors and Liability Insurance to the Yachting Society.

D. Kaminsky seconded the motion.

Discussion: T. Kuhn added that the Prestamer proposal was an all or nothing at all proposal. The board would like to review the insurance proposals earlier next year so they have more time for consideration.

Roll Call: K. Cantrell Yes

R. Wojdyla Yes
D. Kaminsky Yes
T. Kuhn Yes
E. Huerta No

Motion passes, 4 approve, 1 rejection.

T. Kuhn made a motion to approve the proposed settlement between SEH and the Port Authority for the drainage issue with the Pavilion ticket booths for \$42,500.00.

K. Cantrell seconded the motion.

Discussion: Thank you to Smith Sersic for their hard work in this resolution.

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

Motion passes 5-0.

PURCHASE ORDERS

D. Kaminsky 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

R. Wojdyla seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

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

Motion passes 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

D. Kaminsky thanked the staff for doing such a wonderful job with Motown Night and the Frank Sinatra Forever concert.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Hammond Port Authority is scheduled for Tuesday, September 27, 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 September 13, 2022 Board of Directors meeting adjourned by unanimous vote at 4:46pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MEMORANDUM

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