

**HAMMOND PORT AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
July 25, 2023**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Kristin Cantrell	Chairman
Diane Kaminsky	Vice Chairman
Rosemary Wojdyla	Member
Eva Huerta	Member
Milan A. Kruszynski	Port Authority Director
Julia Pustek	Finance Director
Ashley Gordish	HPA Bookkeeper
Steve Sersic	Smith Sersic

**OTHERS PRESENT**

None.

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The July 25, 2023 meeting of the Hammond Port Authority Board of Directors was called to order by Chairman Cantrell at 4:33pm. Four members are present and in person, and one member is absent.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

D. Kaminsky made a motion to approve the minutes of July 11, 2023 as presented. R. Wojdyla seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

<u>Roll Call:</u>	E. Huerta	Abstain
	R. Wojdyla	Yes
	D. Kaminsky	Yes
	K. Cantrell	Yes

Motion passes, 3 approve and 1 abstain.

### **DIRECTORS REPORT**

M. Kruszynski reported on the following:

Marina- We have reached the point where it is more cost effective for boaters just coming in to pay as a transient instead of buying a full time slip for the season. Our final numbers for this year are 440 slip holders with 79 new slip holders. Last year we had 453 slip holders with 90 new slip holders. This year we noticed that we had more large boats than we have had in the past. Also starting in September, we are expecting to have over 70 Loopers staying at our marina. Most of them are staying for an extended period of time due to the locks being repairs in Chicago and some have even expressed interest in storing with us for the winter.

All Port Authority locations are finishing up Festival of the Lakes, Venetian Night, and Northwest Indiana Symphony Orchestra clean up. We are also getting Wolf Lake ready for National Night Out on August 1 and for WHAM on August 5-6.

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Executive Session of the Hammond Port Authority of July 25, 2023 began at 4:00p.m., Chairman Cantrell, Vice Chairman Kaminsky, Member Wojdyla, and Member Huerta are present. Four members are present and in person, and one member is absent. 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 on the following:

Wolf Lake Trail south of the HSD Pump Station PermaTrac Repairs- Repairs have been completed.

McDermott Way at Casino Center Drive Drainage- No updates to report.

Pavilion Ticket Booth Drainage- Repairs have been completed. Based off of the recent storms, the repairs seem to have been successful. We will discuss the flood test with Dean Button soon.

Obelisk Damage Report- The quote has been received, and repairs will begin soon.

Clark Athletic Field Demolition- Demolition has been completed.

Fire Station #2- Crew have started to go out to take measurements and do some engineering groundwork.

Additional Items-

- The auction for the Clark Field lots will be on August 3, 2023 starting at 5:30pm at Lost Marsh Golf Course. Registration must be completed by 4pm on August 3, 2023 with the Redevelopment Office.
- There is going to be a pickle ball court at Forsythe Park. We are still discussing and deciding the layout of the court.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

E. Huerta made a motion to approve Resolution 23-04. R. Wojdyla seconded the motion.

Discussion: E. Huerta mentioned that this resolution is for authorizing and directing payment to the civil City of Hammond in lieu of taxes. D. Kaminsky added that this is for half of the annual payment made to the city in lieu of taxes.

Roll Call:

E. Huerta	Yes
R. Wojdyla	Yes
D. Kaminsky	Yes
K. Cantrell	Yes

Motion passes, 4 approve.

D. Kaminsky made a motion to approve the 2023-2024 winter storage fees. E. Huerta seconded the motion.

Discussion: D. Kaminsky mentioned that there is a \$2.00 per foot increase from last year's rate as the vendor, Brownell, has increased the cost to the Port Authority by \$2.00 per foot. We are simply passing along the added cost for haul out and launch. Staff has recommended three days for haul out starting with Friday, October 13, then Saturday, October 14, and finally Sunday, October 15, 2023.

Roll Call:

E. Huerta	Yes
R. Wojdyla	Yes
D. Kaminsky	Yes
K. Cantrell	Yes

Motion passes, 4 approve.

**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

D. Kaminsky seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Roll Call:

E. Huerta	Yes
R. Wojdyla	Yes
D. Kaminsky	Yes
K. Cantrell	Yes

Motion passes, 4 approve.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

D. Kaminsky thanks the staff for a great Venetian Night! The event was well attended and enjoyed by all. E. Huerta added that the band, Maggie Speaks, was wonderful. Attendees were enjoying themselves to the point where they were singing, dancing, and watching fireworks all while in the rain.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting of the Hammond Port Authority is scheduled for Tuesday, August 8, 2023. 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 25, 2023 Board of Directors meeting adjourned by unanimous vote at 4:41pm.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION MEMORANDUM**

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