

**HAMMOND PORT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
August 8, 2023**

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Kristin Cantrell (Zoom)	Chairman
Diane Kaminsky (Zoom)	Vice Chairman
Thomas E. Kuhn	Secretary/Treasurer
Rosemary Wojdyla	Member
Eva Huerta	Member
Milan A. Kruszynski	Port Authority Director
Julia Pustek	Finance Director
Ashley Gordish	HPA Bookkeeper
Kevin Smith	Smith Sersic
Steve Sersic	Smith Sersic

OTHERS PRESENT

None.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The August 8, 2023 meeting of the Hammond Port Authority Board of Directors was called to order by Chairman Cantrell at 4:32pm. Three members are present and in person, and two members are present via Zoom.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

D. Kaminsky made a motion to approve the minutes of July 25, 2023 as presented. R. Wojdyla seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

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

Motion passes, 5 approve.

DIRECTORS REPORT

M. Kruszynski reported on the following:

Marina- Winter Storage contracts have been sent out. Haul out is scheduled for October 13th, 14th, and 15th. We have limited transient slips for the loopers coming through in September. As of right now, we do not have any slips available for 41+ foot boats. Loopers are staying with us anywhere from 1-8 weeks as they are waiting for the locks in Chicago to open.

Lost Marsh Golf Course- There was a small outing earlier this week, and there will be another big outing with over 144 golfers in a few weeks. K. Smith mentioned that he played a round of golf and the course is in exceptional condition. Thank you to the Lost Marsh staff for making sure the course is playable and in such great shape! The course continues to be busy on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Wolf Lake- National Night Out was a huge success! A big thank you to Jill, Wolf Lake staff, the other Port Authority staff, our first responders and all the other departments in the city who helped out with the event. There were close to 1,000 people that came out, and everyone seemed to have a great time participating in all the fun activities! Thank you to the board members and everyone who came out for the support. It's been a good summer and the weather has been nice for the Splash Pad. Maintenance staff has been mowing and weeding, but the staff is starting to reduce as school starts soon. With that being said, please do not hesitate to let us know if you see something that needs to be addressed. This Friday at 7pm, Trippin' Billies will be performing at the Pavilion.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Executive Session of the Hammond Port Authority of August 8, 2023 began at 4:00p.m., Chairman Cantrell (Zoom), Vice Chairman Kaminsky (Zoom), Secretary/Treasurer Kuhn, Member Wojdyla, and Member Huerta are present. Three members are present and in person, and two members are present via Zoom. 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 on the following:

McDermott Way at Casino Center Drive Drainage- Project is on hold.

Pavilion Ticket Booth Drainage- Repairs have been completed. Based off of the recent storms, the repairs have been successful.

Obelisk Damage Report- We are going to be going through with a lawsuit for the repairs.

Clark Athletic Field Auction- Every lot was sold for \$14,000 to \$65,000. It was very well attended, and there will be three more lots available at a future date.

Clark Athletic Fields Development Infrastructure Start Date- It is anticipated to be starting in August.

Fire Station #2- Demolition is complete in the Clark Field and Environmental Center area, so now HASSE can start their work soon. JM Industrial still needs to finish cleaning up the remaining debris on the Clark Fields area so infrastructure work can begin.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

E. Huerta made a motion to approve Resolution 23-05 Respecting Towle Theatre Project Grant.

R. Wojdyla seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

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

Motion passes, 5 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.

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

T. Kuhn	Yes
K. Cantrell	Yes

Motion passes, 5 approve.

PUBLIC COMMENT

E. Huerta wanted to add that National Night Out was really nice! It was nice to see everyone and their families enjoying all of the activities like the scavenger hunt. Seeing the Mayor, Phil Taillion, and Chief Smith all getting dunked in the dunk tank was pretty fun too. R. Wojdyla added that it was really nice to walk around and see the vendors and displays as well as see all the young families. It was all very well done! K. Cantrell mentioned that her kids had a blast!

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Hammond Port Authority is scheduled for Tuesday, August 22, 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 August 8, 2023 Board of Directors meeting adjourned by unanimous vote at 4:43pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MEMORANDUM

The Executive Session of the Hammond Port Authority of August 8, 2023 began at 4:00p.m., Chairman Cantrell (Zoom), Vice Chairman Kaminsky (Zoom), Secretary/Treasurer Kuhn, Member Wojdyla, and Member Huerta are present. Three members are present and in person, and two members are present via Zoom. The subject matter considered were matters for the discussion of strategy with respect to:

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