

**HAMMOND PORT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
September 12, 2023**

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Kristin Cantrell	Chairman
Diane Kaminsky	Vice Chairman
Thomas E. Kuhn	Secretary/Treasurer
Rosemary Wojdyla	Member
Eva Huerta (Zoom)	Member
Niko Sullivan	Golf Course Admin/Port Authority #2
Julia Pustek	Finance Director
Ashley Gordish	HPA Bookkeeper
Kevin Smith (Zoom)	Smith Sersic
Steve Sersic	Smith Sersic

OTHERS PRESENT

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

The September 12, 2023 meeting of the Hammond Port Authority Board of Directors was called to order by Chairman Cantrell at 4:30pm. Four members are present and in person, and one member is present via Zoom.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

R. Wojdyla made a motion to approve the minutes of August 22, 2023 as presented. T. Kuhn seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

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

Motion passes, 4 approve and 1 abstain.

DIRECTORS REPORT

N. Sullivan reported on the following:

Marina- R & B Night at the Marina had a great turnout! We are starting to get more winter storage applications in, as of today we have 18 storing on jack stands with blocking, 1 live aboard, and 2 storing on trailers. The marina has been very busy with transient reservations for loopers passing by. Right now there are 118 reservations for loopers between September and October. Out of those, 25 are here now. Finally, the beach is officially closed for the season.

Lost Marsh- The Hammond Fire Department golf outing is finally back after a 3 year break! The golf course has been very busy with tee times, it feels like everyday is a Saturday with how busy it has been. However, we are going to need to start thinking about a new halfway house. It is starting to become very rundown.

Wolf Lake- Hollywood Swinging was on August 25 and Talisk was on September 1, both had a nice turnout. The 10 year anniversary of Sinatra Forever was on September 9, and there were about 750 people who came to the show. Coming up on September 15, HAPA Rock Band will be at the Pavilion, and on September 23, we will have Cruise and Chews. Lastly, the Splash Pad is officially closed for the season.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Executive Session of the Hammond Port Authority of September 12, 2023 began at 4:00p.m., Chairman Cantrell, Vice Chairman Kaminsky, Secretary/Treasurer Kuhn, Member Wojdyla, and Member Huerta (Zoom) are present. Four members are present and in person, and one member is 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:

Obelisk Damage Report- The damaged areas have been removed. We are still waiting on the fencing to come in.

Clark Athletic Fields Development Infrastructure- Construction has started.

Fire Station #2- Construction has started.

Addition Items

- On Land Main Dock Boater Bathrooms- After finding out that we may need to replace our fuel storage tanks for insurance purposes, the main dock boater bathrooms project is still in consideration but may have to be put on hold until further notice.
- Increasing Lighting on Indianapolis Blvd- K. Smith mentioned that we are in the process of putting together an application to increase the lighting on Indianapolis Blvd from five points to the Horseshoe Casino sign.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

D. Kaminsky made a motion to approve the Hammond Marina 2024 Season Rates. 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.

T. Kuhn made a motion to approve the parks, storage tanks, and inland marine equipment insurance rates as presented. D. Kaminsky seconded the motion.

Discussion: W. Wallet presented the insurance plan in depth to the board. The total annual premium for parks, storage tanks, and inland marine equipment insurance comes out to \$422,967.51.

<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

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

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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

D. Kaminsky thanked the staff for all the hard work they done between R & B Night and the events at the Pavilion. It's been really nice to see all the start up vendors at these events and give them some exposure! R. Wojdyla added that she has really enjoyed seeing all the new and different vendors this season as well! The board would also like to extend their best wishes to Milan as he goes through recovery!

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Hammond Port Authority is scheduled for Tuesday, September 26, 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 September 12, 2023 Board of Directors meeting adjourned by unanimous vote at 4:45pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MEMORANDUM

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