

**HAMMOND PORT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
JULY 23, 2024
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Members Present and In Person

Kristin Cantrell	Chairman
Rosemary Wojdyla	Vice Chairman
Diane Kaminsky	Member
Eva Huerta	Member

Members Present Via Zoom

None.

Members Absent

Thomas E. Kuhn	Secretary/Treasurer
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Hammond Port Authority Personnel Present

Jeffery Smith	Port Authority Director
Julia Pustek	Finance Director
Jamie Huck	Marina Director
Ashley Gordish	Bookkeeper and Board Recording Secretary
Steve Sersic	Attorney- Smith Sersic

Hammond Port Authority Personnel Present Via Zoom

None.

Others Present

None.

Others Present Via Zoom

None.

Call to Order and Roll Call

The July 23, 2024 meeting of the Hammond Port Authority Board of Directors was called to order by Chairman Cantrell at 4:51pm. Four members are present and in person. Chairman Cantrell, Vice Chairman Wojdyla, Member Kaminsky, and Member Huerta are present and in person. Secretary/Treasurer Kuhn is absent.

Chairman Cantrell called for the approval of minutes.

D. Kaminsky made a motion to approve the minutes of July 2, 2024 as presented. R. Wojdyla seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

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

No: None.

Motion passes, 4 approve.

Chairman Cantrell called for the Director's Report.

Port Authority Director J. Smith reported on the following:

At the marina, there were 2 boaters that went missing on July 5th. They weren't slipholders, but they did launch the boat at our marina. A family of 12 went out, and two of them jumped into the lake without life jackets. When one of them began struggling, another jumped in (with a life jacket on) to try and help but couldn't. The boat floated away from those in the water. Those remaining on the boat didn't know how to drive the boat, but one of them did know how to light a flair. It wasn't too long after that another boat noticed them. The one who jumped into the water with a life jacket on was rescued a few hours later, but the two in the water without life jackets were found about a week later in the lake closer to Whiting. The boat was placed on a trailer at our marina, and the next day the family came to retrieve it. Our sincerest condolences go out to the family. The Clipper Room continues to be booked. We had a great turnout for Venetian Night! In total there were 14 food vendors and live music by Maggie Speaks. The parking lot filled up quickly, people were parking in the Amtrak lot as well as on Lake, Stanton, and Davis Avenues. The Polka Party also went very well. The weather was beautiful. The marina hosted the bar, and Cavalier Inn catered the event. Around this time last year, we had 440 boaters with 79 new boaters. This year, we have 438 boaters with 92 new boaters. The ship store sales are up compared to last year. The fuel dock began getting fuel deliveries from Pinkerton on Saturday. This switch is estimated to save us around \$36,000.00. The trees around the ship store are beginning to ruin the concrete, so we are looking into getting rid of them. Lost Marsh Golf Course continues to be busy with tee times as well as with booking outings. The Festival of the Lakes outing was on July 19th, and it had a great turnout as always. The Splash Pad continues to be busy with the nice weather. Events continue to happen at the Pavilion. The Naturalization Ceremony on July 3rd was a success with 50 people who were sworn in. Bill Porter played later that night with fireworks that followed. There were around 500 people in attendance. Festival of the Lakes has concluded, but staff continues the cleanup. As of now there hasn't been any damage to the property. The next event will be the Northwest Indiana Symphony Orchestra on August 2nd at 7:30pm then WHAM, taking place on August 3rd into the 4th.

Chairman Cantrell presented the Chairman's Report.

The Executive Session of the Hammond Port Authority of July 23, 2024 began at 4:00p.m., Chairman Cantrell, Vice Chairman Wojdyla, Member Kaminsky, Member Huerta and are present and in person. Secretary/Treasurer Kuhn is absent. Four members are present and in person. 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.

Chairman Cantrell called for the Construction Projects Updates.

Port Authority Director J. Smith reported on the following:

Clark Athletic Fields Development Infrastructure- Progress continues to be made on this project, and the project remains on schedule.

Fire Station #2- Progress continues to be made on this project, however the competition date has been pushed back to October.

Marina Administrative Offices/Clipper Room and Boater Facilities Building New Roof- Strike has ended. Koreillis will start up again on July 29th, and they expect to complete the project in 5 days (weather permitting).

Fuel Dock Underground Storage Tank Update- No updates to report.

N-Dock- The paper work has been signed and submitted to begin building the dock.

Data Center and Marina Gate Access- The gate has been installed and is working. They have had it open for a couple hours each day, mostly when people are coming to and from work. For the most part it remains closed. The Data Center gave us some of the sticker passes to open the gate. However there needs to be a solution for emergency vehicles to get through the gate quickly. An option is an Opticon device, it senses the emergency lights on the vehicles which causes the gates to open for them.

Amoco Park Electric- We are waiting for the final city inspection.

Chairman Cantrell called for Old Business.

There was no old business to discuss.

Chairman Cantrell called for New Business.

E. Huerta made a motion to approve Resolution 24-08 Authorizing and Directing Payment to the Civil City of Hammond in Lieu of Taxes. R. Wojdyla seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

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

No: None.

Motion passes, 4 approve.

D. Kaminsky made a motion to approve the contract with Motown Reflections for Motown Night. R. Wojdyla seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

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

No: None.

Motion passes, 4 approve.

Chairman Cantrell called for the approval of 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 – Parks

708 – Payroll

Electronic Transfers

D. Kaminsky seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

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

No: None.

Motion passes, 4 approve.

Chairman Cantrell called for Public Comment.

None.

Chairman Cantrell announced the Next Meeting.

The next regular meeting of the Hammond Port Authority is scheduled for Tuesday, August 6, 2024. These meetings 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.

Chairman Cantrell called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

D. Kaminsky made a motion to adjourn the meeting. E. Huerta seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

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

No: None.

Motion passes, 4 approve.

The July 23, 2024 Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 5:03pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MEMORANDUM

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Board Minutes Prepared By: Ashley Gordish