

**HAMMOND PORT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
June 3, 2025
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Members Present and In Person

Thomas E. Kuhn	Chairman
Rosemary Wojdyla	Vice Chairman
Diane Kaminsky	Secretary/Treasurer
Kristin Cantrell	Member
Eva Huerta	Member

Members Present Via Zoom

None.

Members Absent

None.

Hammond Port Authority Personnel Present

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

Hammond Port Authority Personnel Present Via Zoom

None.

Others Present

Kitten Gray	Slip F-03
Amelia Cantrell	Declined
Charlie Cantrell	Declined

Others Present Via Zoom

None.

Call to Order and Roll Call

The June 3, 2025 meeting of the Hammond Port Authority Board of Directors was called to order by Chairman Kuhn at 4:30pm. All five members are present and in person. Chairman Kuhn, Vice Chairman Wojdyla, Secretary/Treasurer Kaminsky, Member Cantrell, and Member Huerta are present and in person.

Chairman Kuhn called for the approval of minutes.

D. Kaminsky made a motion to approve the minutes of May 20, 2025. R. Wojdyla seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

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

No: None.

Abstain: T. Kuhn

Motion passes, 4 approve and 1 abstain.

Chairman Kuhn called for the Director's Report.

Port Authority Director J. Smith reported on the following:

Happy belated birthday to Kristin Cantrell! As of today, there are 406 boaters with 56 new boaters. Last year around this time, there were 407 boaters with 65 new boaters. The Hammond City Council approved the bond last Tuesday. All of the docks are up and running, and maintenance staff is continuing to complete work orders. We replaced water heaters on the main dock. The diver has been working on damage from the winter. Staff has been holding interviews for summer help, and the Clipper Room is busy with parties and events. Lost Marsh Golf Course had a good and busy weekend. There has been a couple of big outings recently, and Lakeshore has their outing later this month. Lately, the eagles have been flying around the golf course again! Membership numbers have been up compared to last year, as well as food and beverage sales. The Splash Pad is open, although it's been slow with the weather. Leon's Triathlon was this past weekend. The turnout wasn't as big as it has been, but according to the workers for Leon's Triathlon that has been the case all over the country since the COVID outbreak. Coming up are the graduations for Hammond Central and Morton High School. The first summer concert series at the Pavilion will be Secondhand News (Fleetwood Mac Tribute) on June 14, 2025. Raquel continues to work on material for WHAM and National Night Out. Wolf Lake maintenance staff has been working on cutting the grass, cleaning up the parks and trails, and fertilizing the HOA homes. One of the HOA homes is going to be putting some concrete pavers in their backyard. NIPSCO still has the bike trail closed due to a gas leak, but it should be repaired and reopened tomorrow.

Chairman Kuhn presented the Chairman's Report.

The Executive Session of the Hammond Port Authority of June 3, 2025 began at 4:00p.m. Chairman Kuhn, Vice Chairman Wojdyla, Secretary/Treasurer Kaminsky, Member Cantrell, and Member Huerta are present and in person. All five members are present and in person. 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 Kuhn called for the Construction Projects Updates.

Chairman and Construction Committee Chairman Kuhn reported on the following:

Fire Station #2- We are waiting on NIPSCO. The Contractor is responsible for notifying IDEM of the demolition. The water has been turned off.

Wind Turbine at Forsythe Park- There are no updates to report.

Amoco Park Walking Trail- Jeff is trying to get in contact with Jason Spain of HWC.

Wayfinding Sign Repairs- Dean from City Engineering has been working with the Port Authority and Legacy Signs to make sure all of the signs are updated.

Clipper Room HVAC Upgrades- The project is complete.

B & T Dock Replacement- The bond is on track to close in June. Dean from City Engineering is working on bid specs. We plan to sole source the dock purchase.

Additional Items

- NIPSCO services are beginning to be installed for the former Clark Field houses.

Chairman Kuhn called for Old Business.

There was no old business to discuss.

Chairman Kuhn called for New Business.

There was no new business to discuss.

Chairman Kuhn called for the approval of 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 – Parks
- 708 – Payroll
- Electronic Transfers

E. Huerta seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

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

No: None.

Motion passes, 5 approve.

Chairman Kuhn called for Public Comment.

Kitten Gray, a boater from slip F-03, used to frequently attend the meetings. She is a longtime boater at the Hammond Marina, and she is very familiar with it. She wonders when the docks are going to be replaced, specifically F dock. T. Kuhn responds that the Port Authority is on schedule to replace all of the docks. Gray then asks about the lights on the bin wall. She says that the lights are on during the day and off at night. As someone who spends a great majority of the summer on her boat, the lack of light at nighttime scares her. J. Pustek responded that one of the recent storms broke the timer the lights were on, and that we are in the process of fixing it. Gray mentioned that the women's boater bathrooms that are connected to the office are no longer locked with key cards. J. Pustek responded that the locks broke during a recent storm. Because there is a key card required to get into the building, staff decided it was unnecessary to replace the key card access into the women's boater bathrooms. Gray says that she was stuck on H dock for 30 minutes because the exit button for the gate wasn't working. Security had to come and open the gate for her. Staff responded that since then, the wires in the H dock exit button have been replaced and fixed.

Chairman Kuhn announced the Next Meeting.

The next regular meeting of the Hammond Port Authority is scheduled for Tuesday, June 17, 2025. 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 Kuhn called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

R. Wojdyla made a motion to adjourn the meeting. D. Kaminsky seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

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

No: None.

Motion passes, 5 approve.

The June 3, 2025 Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 4:42pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MEMORANDUM

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Board Minutes Prepared By: Ashley Gordish