

**HAMMOND PORT AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
July 1, 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
Kevin Smith	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 1, 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.**

K. Cantrell made a motion to approve the minutes of June 17, 2025. R. Wojdyla 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 the Director's Report.**

Port Authority Director J. Smith reported on the following:

As of now, the marina has 446 boaters with 74 new boaters, and last year we had 426 boaters with 86 new boaters. Boaters continue to move over to N dock and show interest in B and T dock for next season. Circle R was out this week repairing the main dock bathrooms. Staff has been completing work orders and painting around the marina. The Welcome Back Boater Party was on June 21<sup>st</sup>. It was had a nice turnout, and boaters seemed to enjoy doing karaoke with H-Vibe. Venetian Night is going to be on July 12<sup>th</sup>. The theme is outer space, and we're going to have a concert by Hello Weekend. Festival of the Lakes is going to be hosting the Polka Party at the marina on July 20<sup>th</sup>. The Clipper Room continues to be busy with events throughout the summer. Lost Marsh Golf Course continues to be busy with the nice weather. The Lakeshore outing was a success! The Splash Pad has been very busy, we've had to restock their food supply a couple times this past week. Things have been going well at the Pavilion this summer. The School City of Hammond has already reached out to Raquel about graduation for next year. We plan on setting up a meeting with them to discuss things for next year. On June 21<sup>st</sup>, Taylor Nation was at the Pavilion. They had around 400 people, and the artist were really great and interactive with the crowd. Hyryder performed at the Pavilion on June 28<sup>th</sup>. They had a nice turnout of about 500 people. Coming up on July 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Pavilion, the Port Authority will be hosting the Naturalization Ceremony at 11am and Bill Porter's Orchestra's with fireworks following beginning at 7pm. The Festival of the Lakes Roadie Run will be on July 12<sup>th</sup>. Wolf Lake maintenance staff continues to cut grass and clean up trails. They plan on trimming up the lakeshore for the upcoming Festival of the Lakes fishing derby on Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup>. K. Smith asked if the emergency lights under the toll road get tested. J. Smith responded that he sees the lights on sometimes, but he will double check with the Hammond Police Department. T. Kuhn asked where we shop for food for the Splash Pad. J. Smith replied that we frequent Restaurant Depot and Performance Foods.

**Chairman Kuhn presented the Chairman's Report.**

The Executive Session of the Hammond Port Authority of July 1, 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

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**Chairman Kuhn called for the Construction Projects Updates.**

Chairman and Construction Committee Chairman Kuhn reported on the following:

Fire Station #2- Actin Contracting is ready to start. They are waiting on the official NIPSCO notification that everything has been disconnected.

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

Amoco Park Walking Trail- Jason Spain from HWC is finishing up a couple things. Then it will be ready to go out for bid or for quote.

Wayfinding Sign Repairs- Dean from City Engineering has been working with the Port Authority and Legacy Signs to go over all of the final updates.

B & T Dock Replacement- Staff are continuing to work on a timeline and plan.

**Chairman Kuhn called for Old Business.**

There was no old business to discuss.

**Chairman Kuhn called for New Business.**

E. Huerta made a motion to approve Resolution 25-03 Declaration of Property as Worthless. D. Kaminsky seconded the motion. J. Smith confirmed that this resolution is geared towards the materials on the other side of the train tracks beyond the fenceline.

Discussion: None.

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

No: None.

Motion passes, 5 approve.

**Chairman Kuhn 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, K. Cantrell, R. Wojdyla, D. Kaminsky, T. Kuhn

No: None.

Motion passes, 5 approve.

**Chairman Kuhn called for Public Comment.**

None.

**Chairman Kuhn announced the Next Meeting.**

The next regular meeting of the Hammond Port Authority is scheduled for Tuesday, July 15, 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 July 1, 2025 Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 4:39pm.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION MEMORANDUM**

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Board Minutes Prepared By: Ashley Gordish