

**HAMMOND PORT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
July 15, 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

Members Present Via Zoom

None.

Members Absent

Eva Huerta	Member
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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 & 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 15, 2025 meeting of the Hammond Port Authority Board of Directors was called to order by Chairman Kuhn at 4:30pm. Four members are present and in person, and one member is absent. Chairman Kuhn, Vice Chairman Wojdyla, Secretary/Treasurer Kaminsky, and Member Cantrell are present and in person. Member Huerta is absent.

Chairman Kuhn called for the approval of minutes.

K. Cantrell made a motion to approve the minutes of July 1, 2025. R. Wojdyla seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

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

No: None.

Motion passes, 4 approve.

Chairman Kuhn called for the Director's Report.

Port Authority Director J. Smith reported on the following:

As of now, the marina has 452 slipholders with 80 new boaters, and last year we had 438 slipholders with 94 new boaters. Marina maintenance staff continues to complete work orders and repairs on the docks. Boaters have been expressing their excitement for B and T dock being replaced! Recently, we got a couple of shade umbrellas that turned out to be really nice. We are still planning on getting a permanent sunshade structure outside of the ship store next season, and we will move the umbrellas to the patio for next season. The marina had Venetian Night on Saturday, which had a really great turnout! The boaters and public seemed to have a great time, and everyone seemed to enjoy the band. The vendors and bar kept busy throughout the night, and the decorations on all of the docks looked great! Festival of the Lakes Polka Party will be at the marina on Sunday, July 20th 2pm-6pm. We will have polka music and polish food as well as a bar for everyone to enjoy. The Clipper Room has still been busy this summer with parties and events. Lost Marsh Golf Course numbers are up compared to last year and continues to be busy. The Splash Pad has been busy with the nice weather. It'll be closing early next week due to the Festival of the Lakes. The July 3rd events at the Pavilion turned out really nice. The Naturalization Ceremony had about 30 people that became citizens, Bill Porter's Orchestra played in the evening, and the fireworks went off to end the night. Next year, we are going to have some food vendors there for the night. The Festival of the Lakes Roadie Run 5K was Saturday morning, and they had about 100 runners. Wolf Lake maintenance staff continues to cut grass and clean up the shoreline. They have been working on cleaning up for the upcoming Festival of the Lakes fishing derby and WHAM.

Chairman Kuhn presented the Chairman's Report.

The Executive Session of the Hammond Port Authority of July 15, 2025 began at 4:00p.m. Chairman Kuhn, Vice Chairman Wojdyla, Secretary/Treasurer Kaminsky, and Member Cantrell are present and in person. Member Huerta is absent. Four members are present and in person, and 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 Kuhn called for the Construction Projects Updates.

Chairman and Construction Committee Chairman Kuhn reported on the following:

Fire Station #2- NIPSCO has given the notice that the electric has been turned off. Actin Contracting is going to be giving IDEM the 10 day notice so they can begin the demolition soon.

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

Amoco Park Walking Trail- Jeff is going to be following up with HWC Engineering.

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- There is a recommendation that is expected to be on the agenda today that allows staff to order the docks.

Chairman Kuhn called for Old Business.

There was no old business to discuss.

Chairman Kuhn called for New Business.

R. Wojdyla made a motion to approve Resolution 25-04 Payment in Lieu of Taxes. K. Cantrell seconded the motion.

Discussion: R. Wojdyla confirmed that this resolution is for two payments of \$500,000.00, totaling to \$1,000,000.00 for payment in lieu of taxes to the City of Hammond. The first payment will be going out in July and the second payment in December.

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

No: None.

Motion passes, 4 approve.

D. Kaminsky made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 Haul Out and Launch Agreement & Winter Storage Fees. R. Wojdyla seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

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

No: None.

Motion passes, 4 approve.

K. Cantrell made a motion to approve the purchase of B and T dock material from Meeco Sullivan. D. Kaminsky seconded the motion.

Discussion: T. Kuhn added that we are going to retain Baird for the permitting process for the Army Corps of Engineers.

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

No: None.

Motion passes, 4 approve.

Chairman Kuhn called for the approval of Purchase Orders.

D. Kaminsky made a motion to approve the Purchase Orders as follows:

626 – Marina Operations
628 – Embarkation
629 – Lakefront
630 – Lost Marsh Golf Course
631 – Parks
708 – Payroll
Electronic Transfers

R. Wojdyla seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

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

No: None.

Motion passes, 4 approve.

Chairman Kuhn called for Public Comment.

D. Kaminsky attended Venetian Night, and she had a great time! There was a great turnout, a variety of food vendors, and an engaging band! Thank you to all the staff who helped put the event together!

S. Sersic wished our Marina Director, Jamie, a happy belated birthday!

Chairman Kuhn announced the Next Meeting.

The next regular meeting of the Hammond Port Authority is scheduled for Tuesday, August 5, 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.

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

Discussion: None.

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

No: None.

Motion passes, 4 approve.

The July 15, 2025 Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 4:40pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MEMORANDUM

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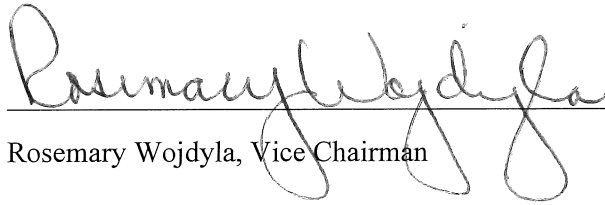
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Board Minutes Prepared By: Ashley Gordish

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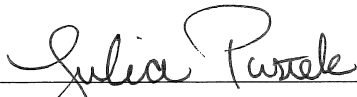


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