

**HAMMOND PORT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
October 21, 2025
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Members Present and In Person

Thomas E. Kuhn	Chairman
Rosemary Wojdyla	Vice Chairman
Kristin Cantrell	Member
Eva Huerta	Member

Members Present Via Zoom

None.

Members Absent

Diane Kaminsky	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 & 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 October 21, 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, Chairman Wojdyla, Member Cantrell, and Member Huerta are present and in person. Secretary/Treasurer Kaminsky is absent.

Chairman Kuhn called for any conflict of interest statements.

None.

Chairman Kuhn called for the approval of minutes.

K. Cantrell made a motion to approve the minutes of October 7, 2025. E. Huerta seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

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

Loopers and transients have started to slow down. The fuel dock has been very busy lately with boaters coming to top off their fuel tanks for the end of the season and get the end of year pumpout. Over the weekend, the marina pulled out 66 boats to store on jackstands for winter storage, which is the most we have had since 2006. This is an encouraging sign that our winter storage is steadily building back up. The Clipper Room is busy with events booked through the end of the year. Maintenance staff continues to complete work orders. All of the bubblers are serviced and ready for installation. The Splash Pad is closed for the season. Mike blew out the water lines to prevent any freezing during the winter. There isn't anything going on at the Pavilion right now, Mike was able to hang up some pictures of bands that have played at the Pavilion. Lost Marsh Golf Course has still been pretty busy. The Chili Cookoff is scheduled for October 26th, and the marina is going to have a chili entry this year! Wolf Lake maintenance staff continues to cleanup throughout the parks and mow. Last year the residents along Caroline Avenue expressed concerns about leaves blowing into their yards after they cleaned it up. To help, staff plans to keep the mowers out longer this year to stay on top of leaf control. We also purchased some new mulching blades that have been working really well. We are waiting on a second estimate for the fence adjustment at Forsythe Park, which is expected soon. Stantec recently completed a round a vegetation treatment, finishing last week. The results have been strong overall, and this round appears to have taken well across most areas.

Chairman Kuhn presented the Chairman's Report.

The Executive Session of the Hammond Port Authority of October 21, 2025 began at 4:00p.m. Chairman Kuhn, Vice Chairman Wojdyla, Member Cantrell, and Member Huerta are present and in person. Secretary/Treasurer Kaminsky 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:

Amoco Park Walking Trail- The walking trail work will be advertised on October 20th, and the bid opening will be on November 4th. The project is expected to be completed by December 15th, and construction completion by April 30, 2026. Everything seems to be on track to move forward in the coming weeks.

Fuel Dock UST- Staff recommends waiting until fall 2026 to install new underground fuel storage tanks.

B & T Dock Replacement- Meeco Sullivan is anticipating the docks being ready early, but we are still wanting a late winter/early spring delivery. Maintenance staff has begun working on dismantling the dock accessories. Lakes and Rivers Contracting may come as early as Monday to begin dock demolition. The old docks are going to be put on the other side of the railroad tracks near the other old docks. We are looking into a way to get rid of some of the old docks that we don't need so we can make more room.

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 the Hammond Yacht Club Facility Use Agreement. R. Wojdyla seconded the motion.

Discussion: E. Huerta added that the facility use fees have been updated to \$1,500.00 monthly use fee and \$500.00 for utilities in 2026. It will be \$1,750.00 monthly use fee and \$500.00 for utilities in 2027 among other items. T. Kuhn asked if the prices increased from 2025. J. Pustek responded that the prices are the same for 2026 and are slightly raised for 2027.

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

No: None.

Motion passes, 4 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 – HPA Construction
- 628 – Embarkation
- 630 – Lost Marsh Golf Course
- 631 – Parks

708 – Payroll

All Electronic Transfers and Trust INdiana

K. Cantrell seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

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

No: None.

Motion passes, 4 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, November 4, 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. E. Huerta seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

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

No: None.

Motion passes, 4 approve.

The October 21, 2025 Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 4:39pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MEMORANDUM

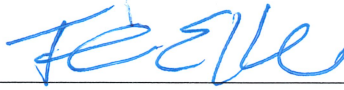
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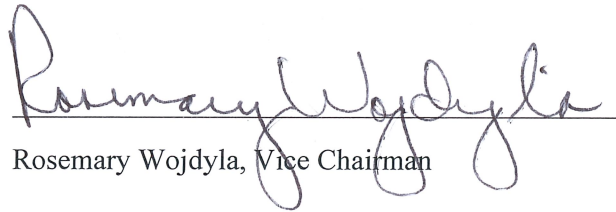
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Board Minutes Prepared By: Ashley Gordish

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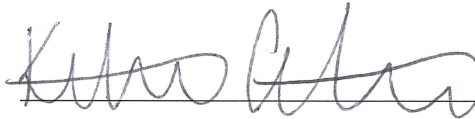
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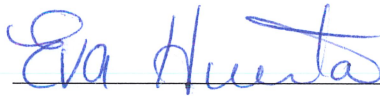
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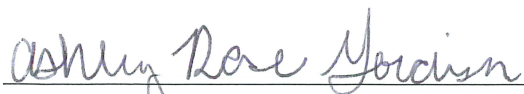
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ATTEST: 

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