

**HAMMOND PORT AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
February 3, 2026  
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**Members Present and In Person**

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

**Members Present Via Zoom**

None.

**Members Absent**

None.

**Hammond Port Authority Personnel Present**

Niko Sullivan	Golf Course Admin/Port Authority #2
Julia Pustek	Finance Director
Ashley Gordish	Bookkeeper & Board Recording Secretary
Steve Sersic	Attorney- Smith Sersic

**Hammond Port Authority Personnel Present Via Zoom**

Jeffery Smith	Port Authority Director
Jamie Huck	Marina Director

**Others Present**

None.

**Others Present Via Zoom**

None.

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

The February 3, 2026 meeting of the Hammond Port Authority Board of Directors was called to order by Chairman Kuhn at 4:30p.m. All five members are present and in person. Chairman Kuhn, Vice Chairman Cantrell, Secretary/Treasurer Kaminsky, Member Wojdyla, and Member Huerta are present and in person.

**Chairman Kuhn called for any conflict of interest statements.**

None.

**Chairman Kuhn called for the approval of minutes.**

D. Kaminsky made a motion to approve the minutes of January 20, 2026 as presented. R. Wojdyla and seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

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

No: None.

Motion passes, 5 approve.

**Chairman Kuhn called for the Director's Report.**

Golf Course Admin/Port Authority #2 N. Sullivan reported on the following:

At the marina, the bubblers remain up and running, and staff continues to monitor and address any breaks. In early September, Mr. Cantrell Banks brought a boat to the marina and paid for one month but never returned. At the end of the season, staff anticipated that the owner would return prior to haul out. Had the staff known at the time that the owner planned to abandon his boat, the vessel would have been removed during haul out by Brownell at the marina's expense. The marina is now frozen, and there isn't any available trailers to store the boat on once removed from water. A pump was installed once the vessel began taking on water, and the boat will be removed once the conditions allow. A total of 264 boaters have signed up for the upcoming season, including 11 new boaters. Due to the implementation of a new tax on boaters in Chicago, the marina continues to receive calls and inquiries from boaters interested in relocating to Hammond. Clipper Room bookings have slowed down following the holiday season, which is typical for this time of year. They are expected to increase as the weather starts to warm up. Jamie has compiled a list of boats that have been abandoned at the marina for an extended period of time, and she has provided that information to Kevin. This includes a small number of boats that remain in the water, as well as several boats that are currently stored out of the water in the back of the marina. No action can be taken until after a six-month waiting period, which will end in August. At that time, staff is considering holding an auction to permanently dispose of these vessels. Any remaining boats would be scrapped or otherwise removed, with the goal of continuing to clean up the marina. The Splash Pad remains closed for the season. All systems are winterized, and the facility will be ready for the summer season. At the Wolf Lake Pavilion, planning continues for the 2026 Summer Concert Series. There is a recommendation on the agenda to approve 6 more contracts. At the Lost Marsh Golf Course, staff continues to work on equipment and prepare for the upcoming golf season. All painting has been completed downstairs, and new flooring has been installed in the locker room, offices, and small conference room. Larry has ordered the rough-cut mower. While it is expected to be delivered soon, an exact delivery date has not yet been confirmed. Mike and his Wolf Lake crew have continued working to keep park trails clear following recent snowfall. On Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, after significant snowfall, Mike and several crew members spent approximately ten hours plowing snow, maintaining access to the townhomes along New York Avenue, and keeping park trails clear. Crews returned Monday morning and were able to complete cleanup operations. Following additional snowfall this past weekend, staff was again out addressing snow removal and trail conditions.

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

The Executive Session of the Hammond Port Authority of February 3, 2026 began at 4:00p.m. Chairman Kuhn, Vice Chairman Cantrell, Secretary/Treasurer Kaminsky, and Member Wojdyla 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

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

Chairman and Construction Committee Chairman Kuhn reported on the following:

Amoco Park Walking Trail- Staff has been in communication with Jason Spain of HWC Engineering. The plan is to publish the bid in February and award the project at the March 17<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

Forsythe Park Gate- The poles for the gate were placed in the wrong spot. Hammond Fence has not been out to redo them yet.

Fuel Dock UST- Enviroforensics is going to schedule a meeting with marina staff to scope out the work.

B & T Dock Installation- Meeco Sullivan is on track to complete and deliver the dock by late February or early March.

B & T Dock Plumbing- Staff is working on putting together the quote for labor, as well as a parts listing.

B & T Dock Electric- Staff is working on putting together the quote for labor, as well as a parts listing.

**Additional Items**

- While attending the Association of Marina Industries Conference and Expo, Jamie and Jeff spoke with a few vendors with competitive pricing for jet ski lifts. They were also looking at different marina software so we can upgrade for the 2027 boating season.

**Chairman Kuhn called for Old Business.**

There was no old business to discuss.

**Chairman Kuhn called for New Business.**

K. Cantrell made a motion to approve the Stantec Consulting Services, INC. service agreement for the 2026 calendar year which includes 2 scopes of services. D. Kaminsky seconded the motion.

Discussion: K. Cantrell mentioned that the total amount of \$64,140.00 is within the budgeted amount set by the Hammond Port Authority Board for the 2026 calendar year. D. Kaminsky added that the area includes treating the invasive species for the Lost Marsh Golf Course mitigation area west of the Indiana Toll Road on 129<sup>th</sup> Street.

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

No: None.

Motion passes, 5 approve.

E. Huerta made a motion to approve the Wolf Lake Memorial Park Bands, Service Contracts, and Performance Agreements. R. Wojdyla seconded the motion.

Discussion: E. Huerta added that all of the bands come highly recommended and are very talented. They will be playing on various Saturdays throughout June, July, and August. D. Kaminsky mentioned that the amount for these bands totals to \$33,100.00.

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

No: None.

Motion passes, 5 approve.

R. Wojdyla made a motion to approve the fireworks agreement with Mad Bomber Fireworks Productions in the amount of \$56,000.00. E. Huerta seconded the motion.

Discussion: D. Kaminsky added that the Hammond Port Authority has used Mad Bomber Fireworks for over 20 years. This fee includes both the Fourth of July fireworks held at Wolf Lake and the Venetian Night fireworks at the marina. These events are enjoyed by the public, slip holders, and boaters alike. R. Wojdyla mentioned that considering there is a significant anniversary of the country, Mad Bomber will ensure that the fireworks are wonderful.

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

No: None.

Motion passes, 5 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
- 630 – Lost Marsh Golf Course
- 631 – Parks
- 634 – Marina Construction
- 708 – Payroll
- Electronic Transfers

K. Cantrell seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Yes: E. Huerta, R. Wojdyla, K. Cantrell, 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, February 17, 2026. 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, R. Wojdyla, K. Cantrell, D. Kaminsky, T. Kuhn

No: None.

Motion passes, 5 approve.

The February 3, 2026 Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 4:40pm.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION MEMORANDUM**

The Executive Session of the Hammond Port Authority of February 3, 2026 began at 4:00p.m. Chairman Kuhn, Vice Chairman Cantrell, Secretary/Treasurer Kaminsky, and Member Wojdyla 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:

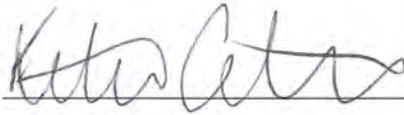
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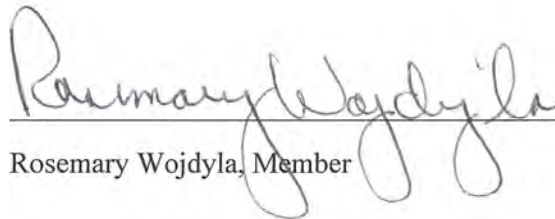
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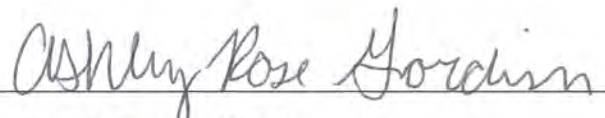
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ATTEST:



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