

**HAMMOND PORT AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
January 20, 2026  
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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
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 January 20, 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 Wojdyla, Secretary/Treasurer Kaminsky, Member Cantrell, 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 December 16, 2025 as presented. K. Cantrell and 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 Election of Officers.**

T. Kuhn opened the nominations for Chairman. D. Kaminsky nominated T. Kuhn. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved. Then a vote was taken on T. Kuhn as the Chairman.

Results are as follows.

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

No: None.

Appointment of T. Kuhn as Chairman passes, 5 approve.

T. Kuhn opened the nominations for Vice Chairman. E. Huerta nominated K. Cantrell. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved. Then a vote was taken on K. Cantrell. Results are as follows.

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

No: None.

Appointment of K. Cantrell as Vice Chairman passes, 5 approve.

T. Kuhn opened the nominations for Secretary/Treasurer. K. Cantrell nominated D. Kaminsky. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved. Then a vote was taken on D. Kaminsky.

Results are as follows.

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

No: None.

Appointment of D. Kaminsky as Secretary/Treasurer passes, 5 approve.

T. Kuhn continued the meeting as Chairman.

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

Port Authority Director J. Smith reported on the following:

Bubblers are running at the marina, and any breaks are being repaired. As of now, there are 250 boaters with slips for the 2026 season. Eight of those boaters are new to our marina, and we continuously have calls from Chicago boaters interested in getting a slip with us for the upcoming season. Business in the Clipper Room has slowed down, and the Splash Pad is quiet. There is a recommendation on the agenda to approve a couple of bands for the Summer Concert Series at The Pavilion. We expect there to be more bands to be approved at the next board meeting. At Lost Marsh Golf Course, maintenance staff has been focusing on repairing equipment. The office and locker room are going to be getting repainted and new carpet

installed. Wolf Lake parks maintenance staff has been keeping up with plowing and snow removal as needed.

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

The Executive Session of the Hammond Port Authority of January 26, 2026 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
4. Dock Issues

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.**

Port Authority Director J. Smith reported on the following:

Amoco Park Walking Trail- There is a recommendation on the agenda to approve the bid advertisement and bid opening for the walking trail. Jason Spain is going to be working on the rebid documents.

Forsythe Park Gate- The poles for the gate were placed in the wrong spot. Hammond Fence will be coming back out to redo them.

Fuel Dock UST- There is a recommendation on the agenda to approve the contract to work with EnviroForensics. Once approved, a meeting will be set up with staff to discuss the next steps.

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

B & T Dock Plumbing- The materials will be purchased by us, and the work will be done by a contractor. There is a recommendation on the agenda to approve going out for quotes for install.

B & T Dock Electric- The materials will be purchased by us, and the work will be done by a contractor. We will be ordering dock boxes, fire boxes, and pedestals. There is a recommendation on the agenda to approve going out for quotes for install.

**Chairman Kuhn called for Old Business.**

There was no old business to discuss.

**Chairman Kuhn called for New Business.**

D. Kaminsky made a motion to approve Resolution 26-01 special purchase of rough mower for the Lost Marsh Golf Course. E. Huerta seconded the motion.

Discussion: D. Kaminsky mentioned that Reinders, Inc in Wisconsin is the sole source for Toro commercial equipment in our area. T. Kuhn added that we had an identical mower that performed very well over the years. That mower will now be used for replacement parts.

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

No: None.

Motion passes, 5 approve.

K. Cantrell made a motion to approve the professional services agreement with the Smith Sersic law firm. E. Huerta seconded the motion.

Discussion: K. Cantrell added that Kevin Smith and Steve Sersic have successfully represented the Hammond Port Authority in legal matters and provided the administrative staff with guidance for more than 20 years.

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

No: None.

Motion passes, 5 approve.

E. Huerta made a motion to approve the Hammond Port Authority government service agreement- engagement letter approval for the 2026 calendar year with Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP. R. Wojdyla seconded the motion.

Discussion: D. Kaminsky mentioned that Faegre has represented that Hammond Port Authority, the Hammond Sanitary District, and the Hammond Water Works Department as lobbyists in Indianapolis for years. We will share the costs with those departments.

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

No: None.

Motion passes, 5 approve.

R. Wojdyla made a motion to approve the agreement for professional services with EnviroForensics for the removal of 4 fuel tanks at the Hammond Marina. E. Huerta seconded the motion.

Discussion: T. Kuhn added that we require professional help on the project. The current fuel tanks are 30 years old, so it is time to replace them. R. Wojdyla mentioned that phase 1 will be \$25,000 and phase 2 will be \$25,759, totaling to \$51,750.

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

No: None.

Motion passes, 5 approve.

D. Kaminsky made a recommendation to approve the performance agreement for entertainment at the Hammond Marina for Venetian Night with Hello Weekend as the artist and Bass/Schuler as the agent on Saturday, July 11, 2026. E. Huerta seconded the motion.

Discussion: T. Kuhn added that Hello Weekend was the same band that played on Venetian Night last year.

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

No: None.

Motion passes, 5 approve.

K. Cantrell made a motion to approve the 2026 Lost Marsh Golf Course rates and rules. D. Kaminsky seconded the motion.

Discussion: T. Kuhn asked if the rates increased. K. Cantrell responded that most increased \$5, and they are competitive prices compared to those courses in Chicago. R. Wojdyla added that some new senior rates were added.

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

No: None.

Motion passes, 5 approve.

E. Huerta made a motion to approve the bid advertisement-bid opening for the Amoco Park walking trail. R. Wojdyla seconded the motion.

Discussion: E. Huerta mentioned that the dates to advertise will be determined at a later date. R. Wojdyla stated that this project was originally put out for quotes in October of 2025. Quotes were received in November 2025 and were higher than expected. All quotes were rejected and recommended that we go out for bid in early 2026. The additional work being performed by HWC Engineering will be \$5,000. T. Kuhn added that the bidding earlier in the year will make it more competitive, and we expect it to come in at a more reasonable cost.

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

No: None.

Motion passes, 5 approve.

D. Kaminsky made a motion to approve the authorization to proceed and procure quotes for B & T dock plumbing and electric installation only. R. Wojdyla seconded the motion.

Discussion: T. Kuhn asked if we anticipated the amount coming in over \$150,000. K. Smith responded that based off of the responses that came in for N dock, we anticipate the bids coming in below \$150,000.

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

No: None.

Motion passes, 5 approve.

R. Wojdyla made a motion to approve the contracts with LAFF Productions for Sinatra Forever-Salute to Frank Sinatra, Fuzion Entertainment for Crazy Train: America's Ozzy Experience, Fuzion Entertainment for Revolución de Amor; Tribute to Maná, and Hyryder: A Grateful Dead Tribute Band. D. Kaminsky seconded the motion.

Discussion: T. Kuhn mentioned that the Wolf Lake Pavilion is hosting these bands/artists as part of the The Pavilion as Wolf Lake Summer Concert Series. R. Wojdyla added that all 4 bands come highly recommended, and the community enjoys this type of entertainment and is willing to visit the Pavilion.

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

No: None.

Motion passes, 5 approve.

E. Huerta made a motion to approve travel for the Port Authority Director and Employees for February 2026 to attend the Association of Marina Industries Conference & Expo 2026 in Daytona Beach, Florida. R. Wojdyla seconded the motion.

Discussion: E. Huerta added that the travel dates will be February 2, 2026- February 4, 2026. S. Sersic mentioned that State Board of Accounts requires the Director to be given Hammond Port Authority Board approval and permission to travel.

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.**

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

- 626 – Marina Operations
- 627 – Port Authority Construction
- 628 – Embarkation
- 630 – Lost Marsh Golf Course
- 631 – Parks
- 708 – Payroll
- Electronic Transfers

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 Public Comment.**

The Board would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year! R. Wojdyla would like to congratulate T. Kuhn on being reelected as the Chairman! T. Kuhn mentioned that Dru Revis, who retired from the Port Authority at the beginning of the year, was honored by having the dog park at Forsythe Park dedicated to her. It turned out very nice.

**Chairman Kuhn announced the Next Meeting.**

The next regular meeting of the Hammond Port Authority is scheduled for Tuesday, February 3, 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.**

E. Huerta 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 January 20, 2026 Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 4:49pm.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION MEMORANDUM**

The Executive Session of the Hammond Port Authority of January 26, 2026 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:

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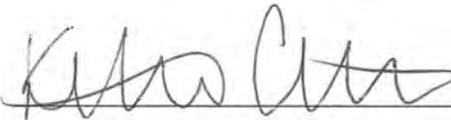
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Board Minutes Prepared By: Ashley Gordish

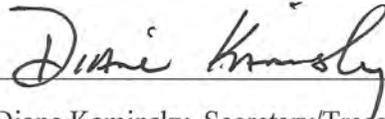
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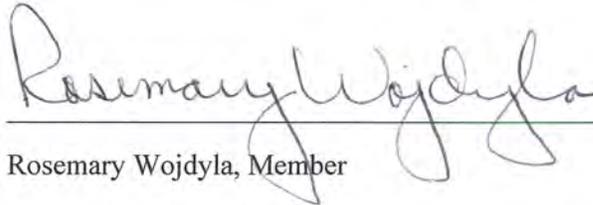
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