



**Hammond Port Authority  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 17, 2026  
hammondportauthority.com**

**Members Present and In Person**

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

**Members Present Via Zoom**

Diane Kaminsky	Secretary/Treasurer
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**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
Kevin Smith	Attorney- Smith Sersic

**Hammond Port Authority Personnel Present Via Zoom**

None.

**Others Present**

Jason Spain	HWC Engineering
Alex Goetz	Gariup Construction
Dylan Chanovit	Sherfick Companies
Grant Coleman	Sherfick Companies

**Others Present Via Zoom**

Dan McClure	Rieth Riley
J Parker	III FFC

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

The March 17, 2026 meeting of the Hammond Port Authority Board of Directors was called to order by Chairman Kuhn at 4:34p.m. Three members are present and in person, one member is present via Zoom, and one member is absent. Chairman Kuhn, Vice Chairman Cantrell, and Member Wojdyla are present and in person. Secretary/Treasurer Kaminsky is present via Zoom. Member Huerta is absent.

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

None.

**Chairman Kuhn called for the opening of bids for the Amoco Park walking trail.**

T. Kuhn stated that for the opening of bids, the company and the lump sum bid price will be announced. The bids will be available for public review after the meeting. The Hammond Port Authority lawyers and the engineers will further review the bids and paperwork.

1. Gariup Construction \$447,500.00
2. Sherfick Company \$185,643.00
3. Rieth Riley Construction \$374,530.00

T. Kuhn suggested a motion to take the bids under advisement of the attorneys and engineer review. K. Cantrell made a motion. R. Wojdyla seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

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

No: None.

Motion passes, 4 approve.

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

K. Cantrell made a motion to approve the minutes of March 3, 2026 as presented. R. Wojdyla seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Yes: R. Wojdyla, K. Cantrell, 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:

There are 357 boaters signed up for the 2026 season, with 22 brand new boaters and 3 new returning boaters. Last year at this time, we had 296 boaters. The bubblers and compressors have been removed from the docks. The Clipper Room has started to get more inquiries about graduation parties and other events during the summer months. The marina received a call from Spring Brook Marina in Seneca, IL. They are wanting to rent around 15 slips for their boaters starting this week for about a month. The locks are going to be closed, so the boats need somewhere to be while they wait for them to open back up. Most of the boats are bigger, so we plan on putting them on W and U dock. Mike checked on the Splash Pad this week, and everything is still looking good. Raquel continues to book smaller events, like 5K runs, at the Pavilion. Wolf Lake maintenance staff continues to clean up parks and trails. Mike and his staff have been doing some electrical work at the Pavilion. The goal is to bring more electric and better lighting for the vendors at the Summer Concert Series events. Lost Marsh Golf Course

staff is getting ready to start their season soon. Niko has booked 4 brand new outings this year with new companies, bringing the total scheduled for the season up to 20 with more on the way.

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

The Executive Session of the Hammond Port Authority of March 17, 2026 began at 4:00p.m. Chairman Kuhn, Vice Chairman Cantrell, and Member Wojdyla, are present and in person. Secretary/Treasurer Kaminsky is present via Zoom. Member Huerta is absent. Three members are present and in person, one member is present via Zoom, 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- The bids were opened today during the regular board meeting. We are sending the bids to the lawyers and our engineer for review before awarding the project at the next board meeting.

Forsythe Park Gate- The misplaced posts were moved today to be in the correct spot. Hammond Fence still has to put in the gate.

US 41 Screen Wall- There's been no new update on this project.

Marina ChargePoint Station Upgrade- Nies Engineering is going to be working us on the project. We are going to be upgrading our charging station from a level 1 to a level 2. We will also be getting grant money for the project.

Fuel Dock UST- Bid specs continue to be developed with EnviroForensics. We plan to apply to be reimbursed by the state. The reimbursement would be 50% of the cost.

B & T Dock Installation- B dock has been delivered, and Lakes and Rivers Contracting plans to mobilize soon. Dock accessories continue to be delivered.

B & T Dock Plumbing- There is a recommendation on the agenda for labor only for the plumbing installation of B and T docks.

B & T Dock Electric- There is a recommendation on the agenda for labor only for the electric installation of B and T docks.

Additional Items

- The community garden received a \$600 grant from the Lake County Landscape Group through the Purdue Extension.
- The dance floor in the Clipper Room will be replaced this week on Thursday and Friday.

**Chairman Kuhn called for Old Business.**

There was no old business to discuss.

**Chairman Kuhn called for New Business.**

T. Kuhn stated that the Hammond Port Authority solicited quotes for installation only as we will purchase all of the materials for the plumbing and electric work on B and T dock. The electric contractors that were contacted were L&S Electric, Emcor Hyre Electric, Sweney Electric, and Midwestern Electric. The plumbing contractors that were contacted were Gatlin Plumbing, Salyer Plumbing, Area Plumbing, and Circle R Mechanical. We did our due diligence by contacting multiple vendors, and we only received one quote for electric installation from Emcor Hyre and one quote for plumbing from Salyer Plumbing.

D. Kaminsky made a motion to approve Emcor Hyre Electric Company to provide labor for electric installation for B and T docks in the amount of \$110,990.00. K. Cantrell seconded the motion.

Discussion: T. Kuhn added that the bid came in at a reasonable amount. K. Smith said that the quote was in line.

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

No: None.

Motion passes, 4 approve.

R. Wojdyla made a motion to approve Salyer Plumbing INC to provide labor for plumbing installation for B and T docks in the amount of \$33,445.00. D. Kaminsky seconded the motion.

Discussion: T. Kuhn mentioned that this bid also came in at a reasonable amount. R. Wojdyla noted that it came in lower than she was expecting.

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

No: None.

Motion passes, 4 approve.

**Chairman Kuhn called for the approval of Purchase Orders.**

K. Cantrell 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
- 634 – Marina Construction
- 708 – Payroll

Electronic Transfers

R. Wojdyla and D. Kaminsky seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Yes: R. Wojdyla, K. Cantrell, D. Kaminsky, 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, April 7, 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. K. Cantrell seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

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

No: None.

Motion passes, 4 approve.

The March 17, 2026 Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 4:49pm.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION MEMORANDUM**

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Board Minutes Prepared By: Ashley Gordish



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ATTEST: *Ashley Rose Gordish*

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