



**Hammond Port Authority
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 7, 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

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

Kitten Gray	F-03
Ray Stapinski	Marina Security

Others Present Via Zoom

None.

Call to Order and Roll Call

The April 7, 2026 meeting of the Hammond Port Authority Board of Directors was called to order by Chairman Kuhn at 4:32p.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 March 17, 2026 as presented. R. Wojdyla seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

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

No: None.

Abstain: E. Huerta

Motion passes, 4 approve and 1 abstain.

Chairman Kuhn called for the Director's Report.

Port Authority Director J. Smith reported on the following:

The marina currently has 378 boaters signed up for the season with 32 brand new boaters and 3 new returning boaters, compared to 327 at this time last year with 33 new boaters. The Clipper Room continues to receive calls for bookings, and inquiries remain steady. Maintenance staff plans to begin turning on the water this week to begin identifying any needed repairs, including any leaks or other issues. The fuel dock is scheduled to open and be on call starting Monday. The Ship Store has been open with the ongoing dock installation. Staff is beginning to stock additional items as demand increases, including food and beverages. The Splash Pad remains closed while staff prepares for the upcoming season by gathering supplies and preparing the building. We are planning on stocking later this week. The Summer Concert Series at the Pavilion is fully booked, but Raquel continues to receive calls for smaller events. Lost Marsh Golf Course opened up yesterday, with a limited number of golfers to start. The weather has been cooler, but the temperatures are expected to improve. These warm conditions should help increase activity and play at the golf course. Mike and Wolf Lake maintenance staff repaired a water line coming from the lake. As a part of seasonal startup, water systems are being tested. This morning a leak was identified in front of the stage from a sprinkler head or pipe. Additional minor leaks were also found, and repairs are currently underway. Crews have continued trimming low-hanging branches along roadways and throughout the park. Mike has noticed a beaver starting to hang around the park. Protective measures have been taken on trees farther from the shoreline. A wildlife specialist has been contacted to assist with the trapping and managing the beaver population.

Chairman Kuhn presented the Chairman's Report.

The Executive Session of the Hammond Port Authority of April 7, 2026 began at 4:00p.m. Chairman Kuhn, Vice Chairman Cantrell, Secretary/Treasurer Kaminsky, Member Wojdyla, and Member Huerta 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

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- Staff has decided to hold off on making any further decisions regarding the project given the current atmosphere.

Forsythe Park Gate- We are still waiting on Hammond Fence.

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

Marina ChargePoint Station Upgrade- We have an updated and signed agreement with Nies Engineering. We are applying for a grant.

Fuel Dock UST- The plan is to replace the tanks in the fall after the 2026 boating season.

B & T Dock Installation- B Dock installation should be finished on Friday, and T dock will be delivered on the same day. We expect T dock installation to be quicker because there are less slips.

B & T Dock Plumbing- B dock plumbing is expected to start on Monday.

B & T Dock Electric- EMCOR Hyre has begun installing pedestals on B dock.

Additional Items

- The wooden dance floor in the Clipper Room has been replaced by Craig's Custom Hardwood Flooring. The original wood used were 2 inch planks, and now they are 4 inch. They were able to save the compass design.

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 easements with NIPSCO regarding Port Authority property. R. Wojdyla seconded the motion.

Discussion: T. Kuhn mentioned that these are restoration easements that will go back to original after we are done using them.

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

No: None.

Motion passes, 5 approve.

E. Huerta made a motion to approve Bill Porter's Orchestra 2026 musical services contract for July 3, 2026. K. Cantrell seconded the motion.

Discussion: E. Huerta added that the total for the event is \$3,950.00. R. Wojdyla mentioned that it is a beautiful way to spend the holiday.

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

No: None.

Motion passes, 5 approve.

D. Kaminsky made a motion to approve the contracts with Day by Day; Caught on Cline; and Stop, Drop, Rewind. E. Huerta seconded the motion.

Discussion: D. Kaminsky mentioned that all of these bands will play on Saturday, September 19, 2026. This is the first time the Pavilion will host 3 different local bands on the same night. The contracts cost \$800.00 for each band, totaling to \$2,400.00.

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 Pavilion facility use contract. R. Wojdyla seconded the motion.

Discussion: T. Kuhn added that this recommendation includes 3 contracts for different types of events held at the Pavilion.

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
- 627 – HPA Construction
- 628 – Embarkation
- 630 – Lost Marsh Golf Course
- 631 – Parks
- 634 – Marina Construction
- 708 – Payroll
- Electronic Transfers

R. Wojdyla seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

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

No: None.

Motion passes, 5 approve.

Chairman Kuhn called for Public Comment.

K. Gray said with excitement, “let’s get this boating season started!”

Chairman Kuhn announced the Next Meeting.

The next regular meeting of the Hammond Port Authority is scheduled for Tuesday, April 21, 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. E. Huerta seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

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

No: None.

Motion passes, 5 approve.

The April 7, 2026 Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 4:44pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MEMORANDUM

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