Hammond Port Authority
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
October 20th, 2026
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Members Present and In Person

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

Members Present Via Zoom

Diane Kaminsky	Secretary/Treasurer
Eva Huerta	Member

Members Absent

None.

Hammond Port Authority Personnel Present

Jeffery C. Smith	Port Authority Director
Julia Pustek	Finance Director
Jamie Huck	Marina Director
Steve Sersic	Attorney- Smith Sersic
Kevin Smith	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 20, 2026, meeting of the Hammond Port Authority Board of Directors was called to order by Chairman Kuhn at 4:30 p.m. Three members are present, and in person. Two members are present via Zoom.

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

There was no conflict-of-interest statements.

Chairman Kuhn called for the approval of minutes.

K. Cantrell made a motion to approve the minutes of October 6th, 2026, as presented. D. Kaminsky seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

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

No: None.

Motion passes, 5 approve.

Chairman Kuhn called for the Director's Report.
Port Authority Director J. Smith reported on the following:

At the Marina, boats are starting to pull out. We have boats leaving every day. Clipper room is doing well. We had the carpet cleaned last week. Transient and loopers are still coming into the marina.

At the Parks, Mike is still cutting trees and picking up leaves. Clean up continues at Forsythe Park. We had some issues at Amoco Park where someone threw a rock at one of the security lights. Mike is repairing that.

At Lost Marsh, with the shorter evening and later morning, things have slowed down a bit at the course. Niko had been busy with a big outing, Big Shoulders, and it was well attended. Niko had the Chili Open and it turned out to be a nice day. Niko said she is hoping that they will be able to stay open till at least Thanksgiving.

Chairman Kuhn presented the Chairman's Report.
The Executive Session of the Hammond Port Authority of October 20th, 2026, began at 4:00 p.m., Chairman Kuhn, Vice Chairman Cantrell and Member Wojdyla are present and in person. Secretary/Treasurer Kaminsky and Member Huerta are present via Zoom. Three members are present, and in person. Two members are present via Zoom. 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 T. Kuhn reported on the following:

Fuel Dock UST-We are going to wait to get numbers in for quotes. We will then make some decisions going forward.

O, K, and C Dock Replacement- On the agenda for approval to award the project under new business.

Splash Pad – No Update, just waiting on quotes to come back.

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 recommendation for Professional Services for Baird O, K & C Replacement Permitting in the amount of $16,623.00 as presented. R. Wojdyla seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.
Yes: K. Cantrell, R. Wojdyla, D. Kaminsky, E. Huerta & T. Kuhn
No: None.
Motion passes, 5 approve.

K. Cantrell made a motion to approve the recommendation to Award, Provide Notice to Proceed and Enter into Contract with Lakes & Rivers Contracting, Inc for the O,K & C Removal & Replacement in the amount of $1,325,000.00 as presented. D. Kaminsky seconded the motion.
Discussion: None.
Yes: K. Cantrell, R. Wojdyla, D. Kaminsky, E. Huerta & T. Kuhn
No: None.
Motion passes, 5 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
628 – Embarkation
630 – Lost Marsh Golf Course
631 – Parks
708 – Payroll
All Electronic Transfers and Bank of New York Mellon
K. Cantrell seconded the motion.
Discussion: None.
Yes: K. Cantrell, R. Wojdyla, D. Kaminsky, E. Huerta & 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 Wednesday, November 4th, 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: E. Huerta, R. Wojdyla, K. Cantrell, D. Kaminsky & T. Kuhn
No: None.
Motion passes, 5 approve.

The October 20th, 2026, Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 4:47pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MEMORANDUM

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Board Minutes Prepared By: Julia Pustek

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ATTEST: _____
Julia Pustek, Finance Director