

**MICHIGAN CITY PORT AUTHORITY
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

April 7, 2025

The regular meeting of the Michigan City Port Authority Board of Directors was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by President Socrates Gray in the Port Authority board room.

ATTENDANCE

President Socrates Gray presided. Board members in attendance included Chris Cipares, Sam Ferguson, Bruce Manner, Dan Messina and Kim Sliwa. Board Member John Haynes was absent. Harbormaster Tim Frame, Assistant Harbormaster Mary Ann Pawlicke and Attorney Joe Zaknoen were also in attendance for the meeting.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Mike Cooper, South Shore Sailing School; Tim Glidden, Park Board.

MINUTES

- Motion by Sam Ferguson, seconded by Bruce Manner to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2025 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- No comments from the public at this time.

REPORT FROM HARBORMASTER

Harbormaster Tim Frame reported on the following:

- Four boats are currently in the marina with more to be launched on the schedule.
- All fire extinguishers have received their safety checks and been placed in the marina. Small water leak was fixed and put the hoses back on the pump out machine.
- The small barge in Trail Creek was pulled and repairs will be made this week.

REPORT FROM ASSISTANT HARBORMASTER OF ADMINISTRATION

- Mary Ann Pawlicke reported that the 2025 slip lease final payments were due today and payments have been coming in steadily all day.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Financial Oversight Committee

- Sam Ferguson reviewed the Claims Docket prepared for April 7, 2025.

Port Authority	\$	\$458,922.85
Capital	\$	0.00
Total	\$	\$458,922.85

- Motion by Sam Ferguson, seconded by Dan Messina to pay all bills as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Claims and Insurance Committee

- There was no report from the committee at this time.

Port Operations & Personnel & Marina Policy

- Socrates Gray reported that operations are status quo for this time of the season.

Boater Communications and Special Events Committee

- Most recent Fishing Tournament scheduled for Saturday was postponed to Sunday and then postponed to next Saturday.
- Motion by Dan Messina, 2nd by Chris Cipares to provide discounted slip fee for \$15.00/night on any size boat and a discounted rate on fuel of \$ 05/gallon (price reflected on pump for participant in the Annual Coho Fishing Tournament. Motion passed unanimously. April 15th through May6th.

Master Planning and Special Projects Committee

- There was no report from the committee at this time.

Advertising and Public Relations Committee

- There was no report from the committee at this time.

REPORT FROM THE ATTORNEY

- Attorney Zaknoen confirmed that the proposed changes to the Yacht Club Lease Agreement were emailed to all Board members to review. Before sending the final version to the Yacht Club attorney, typos will be correct and the 3-year lease period to be changed to 2028. Only one substantive addition was made to allow parties renting the Pavillion non-exclusive access for entry into the area.
- Motion by Bruce Manner, 2nd by Sam Ferguson to approve the changes. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- There was no new business to be discussed.

OLD BUSINESS

- There was no old business to be discussed.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- Comment that the idea to install signage along the seawall would be good and also suggested to the Board that there possibly could be some rules relating to fishing in that area as it is considered a Federally Navigated Waterway.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion Chris Cipares, seconded by Kim Sliwa to adjourn the meeting at 5:23 p.m.

Accepted by: TF

Tim Frame, Harbormaster

Respectfully submitted, Dan Messina

Dan Messina, Board Secretary

Approved On: 4-21-25

By: Socrates Gray

Socrates Gray, Board President