

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

May 5, 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, John Haynes, Bruce Manner, Dan Messina and Kim Sliwa. Harbormaster Tim Frame and Attorney Joe Zaknoen were also in attendance for the meeting.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Mike Cooper, Slip 450; Tim Glidden, MC Park Department; Dale Moyer, South Shore Sailing School

MINUTES

- Motion by Kim Sliwa, seconded by Bruce Manner to approve the minutes of the April 21, 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:

- The Corps of Engineers has finished their dredging project and removed about 50,000 sq cu. Yd. of sand from the outer harbor. Another barge then pulled in to continue the NIPSCO piling project. Their crew is using 60 ft. piling and experienced trouble when the piling encountered a stone and rock layer. A heavier pile hammer was brought in to complete the project that is still expected to be completed by the end of June. The Corps of Engineers also pulled a stone barge in to continue adding stone to the outer breakwater. That project is expected to be finished within two weeks.
- Crews remain busy launching boats and lowering docks.
- Project to reinforce the north end of the Lighthouse pier is scheduled for 2026.

REPORT FROM ASSISTANT HARBORMASTER OF ADMINISTRATION

Mary Ann Pawlicke reported the following:

- Not in attendance

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Financial Oversight Committee

- Sam Ferguson reviewed the Claims Docket prepared for April 21, 2025.

Port Authority	\$	\$67,161.50
Capital	\$	0.00
Total	\$	\$67,161.50

- 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 normal Summer Operations are in place

Boater Communications and Special Events Committee

- Dan Messina shared that he and Tim Frame discussed the possibility of scheduling a Dock Rep Meeting. It was determined that based on a lack of interest from boaters, that no meetings would be scheduled at this time.
- He also shared that dependent upon the status of the Pavillion, discussions have occurred regarding the possibility of hosting a Boater Appreciation Cookout.
- Two fishing tournaments were held that were successful in the past weekend. Last Friday was the Legends Fishing Tournament and on Saturday-Sunday the Hoosier Coho Classic Fishing tournament was held.
- He shared that the club appreciated the donation from the Michigan City Port Authority, along with the discounted gas and boat slip rental fees for the fishing tournaments that were authorized by the Board of Directors.

Master Planning and Special Projects Committee

- There was no report from the committee at this time

Advertising and Public Relations Committee

- Chris Cipares distributed a proposal regarding wording for the signage to be installed along the dock wall between the Coast Guard Station and Sailing Club and also the Sailing Club and the bridge. Chris will return with a recommendation for final sign wording at an upcoming meeting.

REPORT FROM THE ATTORNEY

- Attorney Zaknoen shared discussions he had with the attorney for the Yacht Club recently and reported on the possible actions needed by the Board to continue finalizing an agreement for the lease of the deck around the Yacht Club.
- Motion by Bruce Manner, 2nd by Sam Ferguson to propose that the Board reject the Michigan City Yacht Club's counter proposals to the proposed lease as set forth in a letter dated April 17, 2025, from the Yacht Club's attorney to the Board's attorney. The Board will then cause a new Exhibit A delineating the Premises to be created, which will exclude from the Premises the pavilion, the area to the east and west of the pavilion, and the portion three feet north of the north side of the pavilion to be drafted. The Board agrees to extend the date by which the parties must conclude negotiations for a new lease until May 12, 2025. 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

- No comments from the public at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Chris Cipares, seconded by John Haynes to adjourn the meeting at 5:32 p.m.

Accepted by: 
Tim Frame, Harbormaster

Respectfully submitted, 
Dan Messina, Board Secretary

Approved On: _____
By: 
Socrates Gray, Board President