

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

June 2, 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 Assistant Harbormaster of Administration Mary Ann Pawlicke also in attendance for the meeting.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Dale Moyer, South Shore Sailing School; Sharren Lynes, South Shore Sailing School; Tim Glidden, MC Park Department

MINUTES

- Motion by Kim Sliwa, seconded by Bruce Manner to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2025 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- Dale Moyer expressed interest in knowing the details of the new lease with the Yacht Club and how it will affect the South Shore Sailing School.

REPORT FROM HARBORMASTER

Harbormaster Tim Frame reported on the following:

- The boat launching schedule has slowed down now that the Memorial Day weekend has passed.
- Crews are lowering finger piers about 6-8 inches with about six more to be lowered this week.
- Pump Out service began last week and serviced 29 boats.

REPORT FROM ASSISTANT HARBORMASTER OF ADMINISTRATION

Mary Ann Pawlicke reported the following:

- The office staff is very busy distributing parking passes and answering questions about lowering the finger piers. The staff also is making calls to adjacent slip holders to organize the finger pier adjustment requests.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Financial Oversight Committee

- Sam Ferguson reviewed the Claims Docket prepared for June 2, 2025.

Port Authority	\$	\$56,103.59
Capital	\$	414,000.00
Total	\$	\$470,103.59

- 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 the marina staff is operating at full summer capacity and maintaining their seasonal pace.

Boater Communications and Special Events Committee

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

Master Planning and Special Projects Committee

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

Advertising and Public Relations Committee

- Chris Cipares distributed examples of proposed signage for review by the Board.
 - Motion by Chris Cipares, seconded by Bruce Manner to approve estimate from Reprographic Arts for \$465.24 to produce the 3 sign options. Motion passed unanimously. Marina staff will install the signs.
- Chris conveyed the Harbor Country Adventures owner's request for the Board to implement a mooring prohibition along the wall section from Emitalla's parking spot to the Franklin Street Bridge during weekend concert performances.
 - Motion by Chris Cipares, seconded by Dan Messina to approve the NO MOORING designation on the Trail Creek north wall as requested. Motion passed unanimously
- Chris also distributed information he was given by a representative of the Reigns of Life organization seeking a donation from the MCPA.

REPORT FROM THE ATTORNEY

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

OLD BUSINESS

- Motion by Bruce Manner, seconded by Chris Cipares to remove the City Dock Signs topic from the Table. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- There was no new business to be discussed.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- No comments from the public at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Chris Haynes, seconded by Kim Sliwa to adjourn the meeting at 5:19 p.m.

Accepted by: Tim Frame
Tim Frame, Harbormaster

Respectfully submitted, Dan Messina
Dan Messina, Board Secretary

Approved On: 6-7-25
By: Socrates Gray
Socrates Gray, Board President