

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

April 21, 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; Scott Kingan, South Shore Sailing School.

MINUTES

- Motion by Kim Sliwa, seconded by Bruce Manner to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2025, meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- No comments from the public currently.

REPORT FROM HARBORMASTER

Harbormaster Tim Frame reported on the following:

- The Corps of Engineers is expected to finish their project by the end of the week. Four Engineers came to do an after dredging survey. The King Company has not removed their discharge pipe yet, but it is expected to be removed in time for the weekend fishing tournament.
- The staff is finishing the marina opening Spring tasks. All water is turned on, the bathrooms are open and small leak repairs have been completed.
- Work Orders received for raising/lowering docks are in progress.

REPORT FROM ASSISTANT HARBORMASTER OF ADMINISTRATION

Mary Ann Pawlicke reported the following:

- Office staff have been receiving Work Orders to raise/lower docks steadily.
- Reservations are being taken for slip rentals and currently 12 boats have reserved slips for the upcoming fishing tournaments.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Financial Oversight Committee

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

Port Authority	\$	\$25,598.31
Capital	\$	0.00
Total	\$	\$25,598.31

- Motion by Sam Ferguson, seconded by Dan Messina to pay all bills as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Ferguson distributed the end-of-year report for 2024.

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 as marina activity is ramping up.

Boater Communications and Special Events Committee

- Fuel will be delivered prior to the upcoming weekend fishing tournament. There has been a good supply of fish noted in Lake Michigan.

Master Planning and Special Projects Committee

- There was no report from the committee at this time

Advertising and Public Relations Committee

- Chris Cipares shared the report of the attorney regarding questions to investigate any rules relating to the legality of fishing in the seawall area. The report explained that there were no issues found.

REPORT FROM THE ATTORNEY

- Attorney Zaknoen shared that a letter was received on April 17, 2025, from the attorney representing the Michigan City Yacht Club with a counterproposal on the changes to the lease. He advised that any discussion concerning the counterproposal could be held when the Board is in Executive Session.
- Motion by Bruce Manner, 2nd by Kim Sliwa to table discussion of the counterproposal until an Executive Session meeting can be scheduled on Friday, April 25, 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

- The guest representing the South Shore Sailing School expressed concern regarding the counterproposal about changes to leasing the area by the Yacht Club going forward. Representative confirmed continued interest by the school in being allowed usage as in the past.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion Sam Ferguson, seconded by Chris Cipares to adjourn the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

Accepted by


Tim Frame, Harbormaster


Respectfully submitted,

5/5/25

Dan Messina, Board Secretary

Approved On.

By.

5-5-25

Socrates Gray, Board President