

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

May 19, 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

Tim Glidden, MC Park Department

MINUTES

- Motion by Kim Sliwa, seconded by Bruce Manner to approve the minutes of the May 5, 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:

- MCPA Crews remain busy launching boats, adjusting finger piers and replacing dock boxes as needed.
- The Corps of Engineers added a second stone barge and finished adding stone to approximately 1/3 of outer breakwater. Crews will return next summer to reinforce the north end of the the east pier by the Lighthouse.
- The NIPSCO sheet wall project continues and are on schedule to be finished by the end of June.
- One of the gas pumps is awaiting a replacement circuit and should be back in service soon.

REPORT FROM ASSISTANT HARBORMASTER OF ADMINISTRATION

Mary Ann Pawlicke reported the following:

- The office is busy with scheduling for putting boats in the water.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Financial Oversight Committee

- Sam Ferguson reviewed the Claims Docket prepared for May 19, 2025.

Port Authority	\$	\$68,208.91
Capital	\$	0.00
Total	\$	\$68,208.91

- Motion by Sam Ferguson, seconded by Dan Messina to pay all bills as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
- He also reported that after a review of an in-depth report of MCPA expenses that expenditures are on track for the first third of the year.

Claims and Insurance Committee

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

Port Operations & Personnel & Marina Policy

- Socrates Gray reported that the operations for summer are in place.

Boater Communications and Special Events Committee

- Dan Messina shared that two fishing tournaments were held in May.

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. Three different signs would be ordered as follows: 1) Fishing permitted when boats are not moored/not tied up for a total of 7 signs; 2) Contact MCPA for overnight mooring in 2 locations; and 3) 1 sign by the Sailing school that outlines services allowed in the area. A refresh of the paint where the steel plate along the wall is installed and stenciling added to denote boat mooring area.
- Motion by Chris Cipares, seconded by Bruce Manner to approve signage as proposed and to proceed gathering bids to have the signs prepared. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORT FROM THE ATTORNEY

- Motion by Bruce Manner, seconded by Sam Ferguson to move the Yacht Club Lease from the table. Motion passed unanimously.
- Attorney Zaknoen shared that the Yacht Club lease has been fully signed. A new professionally drawn map detailing the area that is subject to the lease will be contracted to replace the hand-drawn Exhibit A.
- Socrates Gray appointed Kim Sliwa and Dan Messina to the committee to access a leasing license for the Pavillion with the Attorney.

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 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: 6-2-25

By: Socrates Gray
Socrates Gray, Board President