

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

**June 16, 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

**MINUTES**

- Motion by Kim Sliwa, seconded by Sam Ferguson to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2025 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

- There were no comments from the public at this time.

**REPORT FROM HARBORMASTER**

Harbormaster Tim Frame reported on the following:

- The Public Notice for the dredging project was sent to all adjacent owners of the marina
- The basin of the Washington Park Marina was treated for weeds. Crew will return in a few weeks to treat for another species of weeds.
- Marina staff continues to adjust finger piers, swapping dock boxes and minor repairs.

**REPORT FROM ASSISTANT HARBORMASTER OF ADMINISTRATION**

Mary Ann Pawlicke reported the following:

- The office staff is experiencing a high volume of in-person traffic and assisting boat owners and day-to-day requests.
- Mary Ann advised that \$614,000.00 needs to be transferred from the Operating Account to the Capital Improvement Account.
  - Motion by Sam Ferguson, seconded by Chris Cipares to approve the transfer of monies as directed by the State Board of Accounts. Motion passed unanimously.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

***Budget and Financial Oversight Committee***

- Sam Ferguson reviewed the Claims Docket prepared for June 16, 2025.

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|----------------|-----------|--------------------|
| Port Authority | \$        | \$74,512.52        |
| Capital        | \$        | 0.00               |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>\$</b> | <b>\$74,512.12</b> |

- 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 there is nothing new to report.

### **Boater Communications and Special Events Committee**

- Dan Messina reported that he has been approached by some boat owners about the Port Authority enforcement of the boat length overage policy. Tim Frame confirmed that boats have been moved to appropriate length slips this summer. The marina is monitored on an ongoing basis for any other adjustments that need to be made based upon slip availability.

### **Master Planning and Special Projects Committee**

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

### **Advertising and Public Relations Committee**

- Chris Cipares revisited the information he presented at the last meeting about the Reigns of Life organization seeking a donation from the MCPA.
  - Motion by Chris Cipares, seconded by Bruce Manner to approve donation of \$500.00 to the Reigns of Life organization. Motion passed unanimously.
- Chris also reported that a lawsuit has been brought against a tenant of the marina, Harbor Country Adventures, by a small number of owners from the adjacent condominium project by the Franklin Street Bridge. He read a letter written by the owners of B&E Marina in support of the efforts undertaken by Harbor Country Adventures to benefit the marina area.

### **REPORT FROM THE ATTORNEY**

- Attorney Zaknoen report that the Board has not approved the Licensing Fee for the Great Lakes Grand Prix Boat Races held in early August. He recommends imposing a \$1,000.00 licensing fee effective in 2026.
  - Motion by Sam Ferguson, seconded by Kim Sliwa to approve imposing a \$1,000.00 licensing fee for the Great Lakes Grand Prix Boat Races effective in 2026 and waiving the fee for the 2025 race. Motion passed unanimously.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- There was no old business to be discussed.

### **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 Cipares, seconded by Kim Sliwa to adjourn the meeting at 5:19 p.m.

Accepted by:   
Tim Frame, Harbormaster

Respectfully submitted,   
Dan Messina, Board Secretary

Approved On: \_\_\_\_\_  
By:   
Socrates Gray, Board President