

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

August 4, 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. Harbormaster Tim Frame, Assistant Harbormaster Mary Ann Pawlicke and Attorney Joe Zaknoen were also in attendance for the meeting. John Haynes was not in attendance.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

There were no guests at this meeting.

MINUTES

- Motion by Kim Sliwa, seconded by Chirs Cipares to approve the minutes of the August 4, 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:

- Port Authority helped with setting up and take down water for the food court for the boat race.
- Marina staff continue to address work orders as they come in.
- Installed sound machine to make cormorants sounds in distress hoping to discourage them.

REPORT FROM ASSISTANT HARBORMASTER OF ADMINISTRATION

Mary Ann Pawlicke reported the following:

- We had 36 overnight renters because of boaters letting us know when they would be out of their slip.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Financial Oversight Committee

- Sam Feguson reviewed the Claims Docket prepared for July 21, 2025.

Port Authority	\$	\$85,251.76
Capital	\$	0.00
Total	\$	\$85,251.76

- Motion by Sam Ferguson, seconded by Bruce Manner, to pay all bills as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Ferguson stated we will be working on 2026 shortly.

Claims and Insurance Committee

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

Port Operations & Personnel & Marina Policy

- Socrates Gray reported that that Trail Creek Marina helped when a race boat needed engines exchanged. They were incredibly grateful for the help.

Boater Communications and Special Events Committee

- Dan Messina stated that Harbormaster Frame managed the power outage nicely also notifying customers that the fish cleaning station was out of order and to use Trail Creek fish cleaning station.

Master Planning and Special Projects Committee

- Board Member Bruce Manner had talked to the boat racers and said they would like options to eat after 9 P.M., he will talk to the Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau about it.

Advertising and Public Relations Committee

- Chris Cipares no report.

REPORT FROM THE ATTORNEY

- Attorney
- Attorney Zaknoen asked if the board had any information for the Sail School License.
- Board Member Kim Sliwa said she went and looked at the Pavilion again and the floor is not even. Ms. Sliwa suggested a survey after each rental to evaluate the area.
- Storing items under the pavilion was discussed, it was suggested charging a nominal fee and storing the items at Sprague Point

OLD BUSINESS

- There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

- There was no new business to discuss.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- No comments from the public at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Bruce Manner, seconded by Kim Sliwa to adjourn the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

Accepted by: Tim Frame
Tim Frame, Harbormaster

Respectfully submitted, Dan Messina
Dan Messina, Board Secretary

Approved On Aug 18th
By: Socrates Gray
Socrates Gray, Board President