

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

September 22, 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, Assistant Harbormaster Mary Ann Pawlicke and Attorney Joe Zaknoen were also in attendance for the meeting.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Bruce Brown, Hoosier Coho Club; Tim Glidden, MC Parks Department

MINUTES

- Motion by Kim Sliwa, seconded by Bruce Manner to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2025 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- Bruce Brown requested update on the status of the Pavillion.

REPORT FROM HARBORMASTER

Harbormaster Tim Frame reported on the following:

- Three-fourths of the buoys in the harbor have been successfully removed, with the remaining eight scheduled for completion by week's end.
- The operations crew is concluding summer routine maintenance and has begun prioritizing the fall boat haul-out schedule.
- Harbormaster has been communicating with Butler, Fairman & Seufert, an engineering firm based in Merrillville with expertise in storm water management and permitting. The IDEM permit has lapsed, and while new requirements have not yet been issued. He recommended that the Board authorize an expenditure in the range of \$20,000–\$30,000 to contract with the firm for assistance with re-submitting the necessary paperwork once guidance is available.
 - Motion by Sam Ferguson, seconded by Bruce Manner to approve the Harbormaster's recommendation. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORT FROM ASSISTANT HARBORMASTER OF ADMINISTRATION

- Staff is continuing to assist the "Loopers" visiting the marina and managing haul-out scheduling requests from boaters.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Financial Oversight Committee

- Sam Ferguson reviewed the Claims Docket prepared for September 22, 2025.

Port Authority	\$	\$115,077.96
Capital	\$	0.00
Total	\$	\$115,077.96

- Motion by Sam Ferguson, seconded by Dan Messina to pay all bills as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
- Sam advised the Board of increased expenses and additional income that affects the figuring of the 2026 Budget.

- Motion by Bruce Manner, seconded by Sam Ferguson to remove discussion of Credit Card fees from the Table. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion by Bruce Manner, seconded by Chris Cipares, to return discussing Credit Card fees to the Table. 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 activity in the marina remains standard for winter operations.

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

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

REPORT FROM THE ATTORNEY

- The attorney circulated the final version of the Pavilion License Agreement to the Board via email. Further discussion to take place at the next meeting.

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

Accepted by:



Tim Frame, Harbormaster

Respectfully submitted,



Dan Messina, Board Secretary

Approved On:

10-6-25

By:



Socrates Gray, Board President