

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

November 3, 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

Victor Tieri, Harbor Country Adventures:

- Mr. Tieri requested the Board approve adding stainless steel planters to the dock area by the Emita II to help provide a safer area for patrons of the lake cruise.
- Motion by Chris Cipares, seconded by Kim Sliwa, to approve request to install planters pending review of liability by the Port Authority Insurance Agent. Motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

- Motion by Kim Sliwa, seconded by Bruce Manner to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2025, meeting. Motion approved unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- There were no comments from the public.

REPORT FROM HARBORMASTER

Harbormaster Tim Frame reported on the following:

- All water service in the marina has been turned off, except for the bathrooms near the office.
- Nine boats remain to be hauled out of the marina.
- Winterization work is nearing completion around the marina.

REPORT FROM ASSISTANT HARBORMASTER OF ADMINISTRATION

Assistant Harbormaster Mary Ann Pawlicke reported on the following:

- Confirmed that the payment of \$36,149 listed on the payment register is for the Michigan City-imposed Watercraft User Fee.
- Three CDs matured between October 17, 20225 and October 31, 2025, for a total of \$1.2M. Mr. Ferguson recommended reinvestment for an 18-month term, pending review of current rates expected to be between the 3.5% and 3.8% range.
 - Motion by Bruce Manner, seconded by Kim Sliwa to approve the recommendation by Sam Ferguson for reinvestment in an 18-month term at a rate to be determined upon review.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Financial Oversight Committee

- Sam Feguson reviewed the Claims Docket prepared for November 3, 2025.

Port Authority	\$	\$108,664.49
Capital	\$	0.00
Total	\$	\$108,664.49

- Motion by Sam Ferguson, seconded by Dan Messina to pay all bills as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

- Sam advised the Board that he continues to work on the 2026 Budget with Ms. Pawlicke and progress has been delayed due to computer issues. A draft budget is expected to be shared with the Board at the next meeting for discussions.

Claims and Insurance Committee

- John Haynes reported that the committee met with the Insurance agent 2 weeks ago and will be at the next meeting to present the changes for the 2026 Insurance policy.

Port Operations & Personnel & Marina Policy

- Socrates Gray reported on that standard seasonal operation in the Marina continues.
- Mr. Gray announced that Bruce Manner, Chris Cipares and Sam Ferguson have been appointed to the Election Committee for the 2026 slate of officers for the Board.

Boater Communications and Special Events Committee

- Dan Messina requested status on the Boat Auction and number of Boats utilizing Winter Storage at the Marina.

Master Planning and Special Projects Committee

- Confirmed that the park board meets in two days.

Advertising and Public Relations Committee

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

REPORT FROM THE ATTORNEY

Per Mr. Frame's recommendation, Attorney Zaknoen contacted Michael Hyatt of PAYGOV.US to investigate potential solutions to the credit card service fee reimbursement concern. He added that he intends to follow up with the Harbormaster at Portage Marina, a user of this service, and will share his findings with the Board at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- There was no old business to be discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

- Kim Sliwa motioned to schedule one meeting for the month of December to be held on December 8th, 2025. Motion seconded by Sam Ferguson. Motion passed unanimously.

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 5:25 p.m.

Accepted by: T. Frame
Tim Frame, Harbormaster

Respectfully submitted, Dan Messina
Dan Messina, Board Secretary

Approved On: 11-17-25

By: Socrates Gray
Socrates Gray, Board President