

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

**December 8, 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**

- Amy Brown and Bruce Brown, Hoosier Coho Club; Charlie Keene and Rob Schable, High Street Insurance and Financial Services; Tim Glidden, MC Park Board.

**MINUTES**

- Motion by John Haynes, seconded by Sam Ferguson to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2025 meeting. Motion approved unanimously.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

- The Coho Club gave a sponsorship packet to the Board and inquired about the Pavillion Lease rental terms.

**REPORT FROM HARBORMASTER**

Harbormaster Tim Frame reported on the following:

- The Festival of Lights started on Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Staff is working on loose ends winterizing the marina.

**REPORT FROM ASSISTANT HARBORMASTER OF ADMINISTRATION**

Assistant Harbormaster Mary Ann Pawlicke reported on the following:

- Invoices for the second half of the 2026 slip rentals, with a mid-January due date, will be issued this week.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

***Budget and Financial Oversight Committee***

- Sam Ferguson reviewed the Claims Docket prepared for December 8, 2025.

Port Authority	\$	\$59,005.25
Capital	\$	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$59,005.25</b>

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

***Claims and Insurance Committee***

- John Haynes introduced Charlie Keene, High Street Insurance and Financial Services, to present the 2026 Insurance Renewal Policy.
- Motion by John Haynes, seconded by Bruce Manner to approve the 2026 Insurance Renewal Policy as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

***Port Operations & Personnel & Marina Policy***

- Socrates Gray reported on that winter operations in the Marina continue.

**Boater Communications and Special Events Committee**

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

**Master Planning and Special Projects Committee**

- Bruce Manner reported that the Millenium Fountain will be removed. No date of removal has been announced to date.

**Advertising and Public Relations Committee**

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

**REPORT FROM THE ATTORNEY**

- Attorney Zaknoen reported that he emailed the Board a rider to the current lease agreement for the Café. The owner would like to open the café on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays during the Festival of Lights between December 6<sup>th</sup> and December 24<sup>th</sup>. The rider includes a proposed daily rate of \$40 per day for every day the café is open through the rest of the term ending in 2027.
- Motion by Sam Ferguson, seconded by Chris Cipares to approve a rate of \$20 per weekend. Motion approved unanimously.
- He also reported that he will contact the credit card processing company about setting up a meeting with staff to coordinate roll out of new program.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- There was no old business to be discussed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Attorney Zaknoen announced the slate of officers as submitted by the Nominating Committee. The 2026 Election of Officers includes Socrates Gray, President; Bruce Manner, Vice President; Chris Cipares, Treasurer; Dan Messina, Secretary.
- Roll Call Vote to approve the slate of officers as read: Mr. Manner, AYE; Miss Sliwa, AYE; Mr. Messina, AYE; Mr. Haynes, AYE; Mr. Ferguson, AYE; Mr. Gray, AYE. The slate of officers was approved unanimously.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

- No comments from the public at this time.

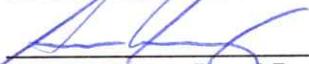
**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by John Haynes, seconded by John Haynes to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Accepted by:   
Tim Frame, Harbormaster

Respectfully submitted,   
Dan Messina, Board Secretary

Approved On: 1-12-26

By:   
Socrates Gray, Board President