MICHIGAN CITY PORT AUTHORITY
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2026

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

- Tim Glidden, MC Park Board.

MINUTES

- Motion by Kim Sliwa, seconded by Sam Ferguson to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2025, meeting. Motion approved unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- No comments from the public at this time.

REPORT FROM HARBORMASTER

Harbormaster Tim Frame reported on the following:

- The Festival of Lights ended on January 5th, and all the displays have been taken down. The trailer holding all the displays will be returned to the Trail Creek storage area after the Franklin Street bridge reopens.

- Staff are currently servicing the large barge in the South shop. Work includes repainting the bottom and topside, servicing the jack plates to allow the engines to be lifted six inches for shallow-water operation, and replacing the bearing glides. All work is expected to be completed by March 1.

- Mr. Frame also reviewed proposals from Butler, Fairman & Seufert, civil engineers in Merrillville, regarding services offered related to Storm Water permitting, inspections, and reporting to IDEM.

  o Motion by Dan Messina, seconded by Bruce Manner to table further discussion of the proposal until the next meeting. Motion approved unanimously.

REPORT FROM ASSISTANT HARBORMASTER OF ADMINISTRATION

Assistant Harbormaster Mary Ann Pawlicke reported on the following:

- Mrs. Pawlicke shared that they had a phone meeting with the IT programmer and the credit card servicing company regarding the collection of credit card fees.

- She shared that they received a letter from the Lake and Pond Biologists that reported they would be starting to work on the permits by reviewing the status of weeds in the basin.

- Conflict-of-Interest statements were passed out.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Financial Oversight Committee

- Chris Cipres reviewed the Claims Docket prepared for January 12, 2026.

Port Authority	$	$124,491.74
Capital	$	0.00
Total	**$**	**$124,491.74**

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

Claims and Insurance Committee

- John Haynes reported that more information is to come from the insurance agent.

Port Operations & Personnel & Marina Policy

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

Boater Communications and Special Events Committee

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

- President Gray asked Ms. Sliwa if she would agree to take over Advertising and Public Relations Committee, due to Mr. Cipares taking on the responsibility of Budget and Financial Oversite Committee.

Master Planning and Special Projects Committee

- There was no report from the committee at this time. He commented that the Park Department will repave and installing some decorations in the area formerly designated for the Millenium Fountain.

Advertising and Public Relations Committee

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

REPORT FROM THE ATTORNEY

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

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 John Haynes, seconded by Kim Sliwa to adjourn the meeting at 5:26 p.m.

Accepted by: _____   Respectfully submitted, _____
　　　　　　　　 Tim Frame, Harbormaster 　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　 Dan Messina, Board Secretary

Approved On: 2-9-26 _____

By: _____
　　　 Socrates Gray, Board President