

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

February 9, 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, and Kim Sliwa. Director Dan Messina was absent. Harbormaster Tim Frame, Assistant Harbormaster Mary Ann Pawlicke and Attorney Joe Zaknoen were also in attendance for the meeting.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

- Bruce & Amy Brown, Hoosier Coho Club; Tim Glidden, MC Park Board

MINUTES

- Motion by Kim Sliwa, seconded by Bruce Manner to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2026, 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 staff is finishing the work on the large barge that includes painting and oil change on the generator. The next one to be serviced will be the Carolina Skiff.
- Mr. Frame also gave an overview of the answers to the questions the Board asked Butler, Fairman & Seufert, Civil Engineers in Merrillville, about services offered related to Storm Water permitting, inspections, and reporting to IDEM.
 - Motion by Sam Ferguson, seconded by Bruce Manner to bring the topic to the table. Motion approved unanimously.
 - Motion by Sam Ferguson, seconded by Bruce Manner to approve the proposal as presented by Butler, Fairman & Seufert Civil Engineers. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORT FROM ASSISTANT HARBORMASTER OF ADMINISTRATION

Assistant Harbormaster Mary Ann Pawlicke reported on the following:

- Mrs. Pawlicke shared that the contract with the credit card company was approved by the attorney and has been forwarded to PayGov.US and the programmer is currently getting the information on the invoices.
- Mrs. Pawlicke also advised Board Members of a form that is to be filled out if any members would like to stay on the Board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Financial Oversight Committee

- Chris Cipares reviewed the Claims Docket prepared for January 26, 2026.

Port Authority	\$	\$37,729.57
Capital	\$	0.00
Total	\$	\$37,729.57

- Chris Cipares reviewed the Claims Docket prepared for February 9, 2026.

Port Authority	\$	\$35,497.03
Capital	\$	0.00
Total	\$	\$35,497.03

- Motion by Chris Cipares, seconded by Sam Ferguson to pay all bills for January 26, 2026, and February 9, 2026 as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

Claims and Insurance Committee

- Socrates Gray commented that more information is forthcoming about the coverage for Terrorism and will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Port Operations & Personnel & Marina Policy

- Socrates Gray reported that the staff continues to operate as usual for winter operations and operate mostly inside.

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. Mr. Manner commented that he asked Mr. Walker from the Park Department to attend the next meeting to explain how parking will operate for the 2026 Summer season; advising Mr. Walker will be available for questions.

Advertising and Public Relations Committee

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

REPORT FROM THE ATTORNEY

- Attorney Zaknoen reported on efforts to identify grant funding related to marina operations to assist with electrical upgrade and improvement costs; advising no qualifying grants were identified through the initial review, but further research will continue to determine whether other funding sources may be available.

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 5:19 p.m.

Accepted by: Tim Frame
Tim Frame, Harbormaster

Respectfully submitted, Dan Messina
Dan Messina, Board Secretary

Approved On: 2-23-26

By: Socrates Gray
Socrates Gray, Board President