

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

**February 23, 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, John Haynes, Bruce Manner, Kim Sliwa and Dan Messina. Harbormaster Tim Frame, Assistant Harbormaster Mary Ann Pawlicke were also in attendance for the meeting. Attorney Zaknoen and Board member Sam Ferguson were absent.

**GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE**

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

**MINUTES**

- Motion by Kim Sliwa, seconded by John Haynes to approve the minutes of the February 9, 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 finished the work on the large barge that included new bottom paint and top side, rebuilt the bearings in the jack plates, and changed the batteries, and routine maintenance on the hydraulic power supply. Routine maintenance also performed on the welder/generator. The Carolina Skiff will now undergo the same maintenance.
- Staff finishing other loose ends and repairing dock boxes. The charter boats will be putting their boats in the waters in another two or three weeks.

**REPORT FROM ASSISTANT HARBORMASTER OF ADMINISTRATION**

Assistant Harbormaster Mary Ann Pawlicke reported on the following:

- Mrs. Pawlicke advised that the March meetings will be on the 2nd and 4th Mondays in March due to there being 5 Mondays in March.
- Staff is busy getting ready for the opening of the 2026 Boating Season.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

***Budget and Financial Oversight Committee***

- Chris Cipares reviewed the Claims Docket prepared for February 23, 2026.

Port Authority	\$	\$23,102.93
Capital	\$	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$23,102.93</b>

- Motion by Chris Cipares, seconded by Dan Messina to pay all bills for February 23, 2026 meeting as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

- Chris also shared that a CD is coming to term on March 27<sup>th</sup> for \$414,000.00. Motion by Chris Cipares, seconded by Bruce Manner, to roll the CD into a 5-month term at a rate of 3.75%. Motion approved unanimously.
- Chris also suggested that the Board draft a document in addition to the Pavillion Rental Agreement to govern the usage for the sailing program. Socrates Gray appointed himself, Bruce Manner, and Chris Cipares to a committee to review and draft policy to be reviewed by the Board at an upcoming meeting.

***Claims and Insurance Committee***

- John Haynes shared he contacted the insurance agent to further discuss possibility of adding Terrorism Insurance. More details to be shared as they become available.

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

- Socrates Gray reported that several employees have reached out wanting to return for the 2026 Boating Season.

***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 also introduced William Walker, Assistant Superintendent of the Parks Department to explain how parking will operate for the 2026 Summer season and answered questions from the Board.

***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: TF.  
Tim Frame, Harbormaster

Respectfully submitted, Dan Messina  
Dan Messina, Board Secretary

Approved On: 3-9-26

By: [Signature]  
Socrates Gray, Board President