

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

April 6, 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, Bruce Manner, Dan Messina, and Kim Sliwa. Board member John Haynes was absent. Harbormaster Tim Frame, Assistant Harbormaster Mary Ann Pawlicke and Attorney Joe Zaknoen were also in attendance for the meeting.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

- Mike Cooper, South Shore Sailing School

MINUTES

- Motion by Kim Sliwa, seconded by Bruce Manner to approve the minutes of the March 23, 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 Water Department began turning on water service at Washington Park Marina last week. The bathrooms are functional but have not been cleaned yet. A few issues remain at both Washington Park and Trail Creek marinas; however, all systems are expected to be fully operational by the end of the week.
- The fish cleaning station needed to be drained due to potential freezing weather for a day or two.
- Safety ladders will be installed this week. Gas docks and pump-out stations are operational.
- One or two boats were put into the water today and three more are on the schedule for tomorrow.

REPORT FROM ASSISTANT HARBORMASTER OF ADMINISTRATION

Assistant Harbormaster Mary Ann Pawlicke reported on the following:

- Mrs. Pawlicke reported that Reprographic Arts no longer restores the plaques located at the entry of the Marina Office building. Alternative vendors have been contacted, and responses are pending from two vendors.
- Staff continues daily distribution of parking stickers to boaters.
- Credit card processing fees went LIVE today, Monday, April 5, 2026.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Financial Oversight Committee

- Chris Cipares reviewed the Claims Docket prepared for April 5, 2026.

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| Port Authority | \$ | \$21,412.07 |
| Capital | \$ | 0.00 |
| Total | \$ | \$21,412.07 |

- Motion by Chris Cipares, seconded by Sam Ferguson to pay all bills for April 5, 2026, as presented. Motion approved unanimously.
- Chris Cipares noted that a new sign was installed at the U-turn on Lakeshore Drive by Harbor County Adventures.

Claims and Insurance Committee

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

Port Operations & Personnel & Marina Policy

- Socrates Gray reported that the staff is attending to standard Spring operating schedules.

Boater Communications and Special Events Committee

- Dan Messina reported that a few fishing boats are in the water but need to go out about 3-4 miles offshore to get into clear water.

Master Planning and Special Projects Committee

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

Advertising and Public Relations Committee

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

REPORT FROM THE ATTORNEY

- Attorney Joe Zaknoen reported that the Boating Infrastructure Grant program is administered by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management advising he has inquired about potential grant opportunities for the Port Authority.
- Mr. Zaknoen shared he also submitted a response to the Coast Guard's request for additional information regarding an exclusive license for use of a portion of the parking lot. No response has been received to date.

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 Kim Sliwa, seconded by Chris Cipares to adjourn the meeting at 5:11 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Accepted by: Tim Frame
Tim Frame, Harbormaster

Respectfully submitted, Dan Messina
Dan Messina, Board Secretary

Approved On: 4/26/24

By: Socrates Gray
Socrates Gray, Board President