

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

March 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, Sam Ferguson, John Haynes, Bruce Manner, Dan Messina, and Kim Sliwa. Harbormaster Tim Frame, Assistant Harbormaster Mary Ann Pawlicke were also in attendance at the meeting.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

- Mike Cooper, South Shore Sailing School

MINUTES

- Motion by Kim Sliwa, seconded by Sam Ferguson to approve the minutes of the March 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 large barge was scheduled to be put into the water today. The Carolina Skiff is awaiting a part, but it will be done by the end of the week.
- The crew continues to prepare the marina for the 2026 Boating season as 6 boats have already been put into the water.

REPORT FROM ASSISTANT HARBORMASTER OF ADMINISTRATION

Assistant Harbormaster Mary Ann Pawlicke reported on the following:

- Mrs. Pawlicke reported many more appointments have been made to launch boats into the water.
- Credit card processing fees are scheduled to go LIVE on April 5, 2026. The fee to use a credit card for marina related fees will be 2.89% plus a \$.29 per transaction charge.
- Plaques located at the entry of the Marina Office building will be taken to Reprographic Arts to review and provide a refurbishing solution.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Financial Oversight Committee

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

Port Authority	\$	\$25,971.82
Capital	\$	0.00
Total	\$	\$25,971.82

- Motion by Chris Cipares, seconded by Bruce Manner to pay all bills for March 23, 2026, as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

Claims and Insurance Committee

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

Port Operations & Personnel & Marina Policy

- Socrates Gray reported that the seasonal workers are beginning to get scheduled to begin working. Mr. Gray also commented that the staff are looking at alternative ways to change the traffic pattern in the marina parking lot for this boating season.

Boater Communications and Special Events Committee

- Dan Messina confirmed that the water and the cleaning station will be turned on in the middle of April for both Washington Park and Trail Creek Marinas.
- Mr. Messina reported that he met with the CoHo Club to discuss their tournament dates and times. Mr. Messina shared that the committee recommended that the Port Authority will allow the CoHo Club to use the Pavillion at no charge for all tournaments instead of the \$2,000 cash donation given to the Club in years past.
 - Motion by Dan Messina, seconded by John Haynes to approve the recommendation of the committee. Motion approved unanimously.
- Mr. Messina also reported that the committee recommends continuing the \$.5 per gallon fuel discount and \$15 per night rental fee to be in effect April 6th through May 4th for tournament participants.
 - Motion by Dan Messina, seconded by Chris Cipares to approve the recommendation of the committee. Motion approved unanimously.

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

- 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 5:15 p.m.

Accepted by: TF
Tim Frame, Harbormaster

Respectfully submitted, Dan Messina
Dan Messina, Board Secretary

Approved On: 4-16-2026

By: [Signature]
Socrates Gray, Board President