

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

May 4, 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. Harbormaster Tim Frame, Assistant Harbormaster Mary Ann Pawlicke and Attorney Joe Zaknoen were also in attendance for the meeting.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

- Mike Cooper, Dale Moyer, Shawn Lynes South Shore Sailing School; Tim Glidden, MC Park Board.

MINUTES

- Motion by Bruce Manner, seconded by Kim Sliwa to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2026, meeting. Motion approved unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- Dale Moyer read a statement prepared by Scott Kingan, President of the South Shore Sailing School, requesting a meeting with the Board to discuss changes affecting their use of the pavilion.

REPORT FROM HARBORMASTER

Harbormaster Tim Frame reported on the following:

- Mr. Frame reported that routine operations for the season continue and gave an overview of water levels and fluctuations from season to season.

REPORT FROM ASSISTANT HARBORMASTER OF ADMINISTRATION

Assistant Harbormaster Mary Ann Pawlicke reported on the following:

- Ms. Pawlicke shared that office operations are running smoothly. Processing sales with credit cards requires a little more time as an invoice needs to be generated for each sale.
- There was no update from Kovenz Memorial regarding work needed to refurbish the outdoor plaques.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Financial Oversight Committee

- Chris Cipares reviewed the Claims Docket prepared for May 4, 2026.

Port Authority	\$	\$73,840.86
Capital	\$	0.00
Total	\$	\$73,840.86

- Motion by Chris Cipares, seconded by Sam Ferguson to pay all bills for May 4, 2026, as presented. Motion approved unanimously.
- Motion by Chris Cipares, seconded by Sam Ferguson to move \$800,000.00 from the checking account to the capital improvement account. Motion approved unanimously.
- Chris Cipares distributed copies of the 2025 Year-End Financial Report. The Board was encouraged to review the report and email questions to him to be discussed at the next meeting.

Claims and Insurance Committee

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

Port Operations & Personnel & Marina Policy

- Socrates Gray reported the operations are ramping up for the season.

Boater Communications and Special Events Committee

- Dan Messina reported on the last two fishing tournaments. Fishing was slow due to weather and lake conditions for both tournaments.

Master Planning and Special Projects Committee

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

Advertising and Public Relations Committee

- Kim Sliwa reported that the office was again contacted by Reins of Life regarding a possible repeat of the Port Authority's \$500.00 donation. Ms. Sliwa asked Board members to consider the request for possible action at the next meeting.

REPORT FROM THE ATTORNEY

- Attorney Joe Zaknoen reported that he received a reply from Nicole Messer at the Indiana Department of Environmental Management office: advised that the office is no longer participating in the boating infrastructure grants. Ms. Messer did offer to reach out to her colleagues to inquire about other grant opportunities that the Port Authority may pursue.

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 Chris Cipares, seconded by Kim Sliwa to adjourn the meeting at 5:22 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Accepted by: Tim Frame
Tim Frame, Harbormaster

Respectfully submitted, Dan Messina
Dan Messina, Board Secretary

Approved On: 5-18-26

By: Socrates Gray
Socrates Gray, Board President