

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

April 20, 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

- John Haynes; Mike Cooper, South Shore Sailing School; Tim Glidden, MC Park Board.

MINUTES

- Motion by Dan Messina, seconded by Bruce Manner to approve the minutes of the April 5, 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:

- Mr. Frame reported that Staff continues to restore the Marina, with safety ladder installation in progress and the north side of the 800 Dock yet to be completed. All fire extinguishers are back in place, with missing lids installed today. Water has been turned on in all areas except part of the 600 Dock pending a small repair.

REPORT FROM ASSISTANT HARBORMASTER OF ADMINISTRATION

Assistant Harbormaster Mary Ann Pawlicke reported on the following:

- The credit card convenience fee did go LIVE on April 5th. Some boaters using Auto Pay have now been coming to the office to pay by check or cash.
- Mrs. Pawlicke advised that vendors contacted for plaque renovation do not service outdoor installations. She contacted Kovenz Memorial, which handles exterior work, and is providing photos and dimensions to request a quote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Financial Oversight Committee

- Chris Cipares reviewed the Claims Docket prepared for April 20, 2026.

Port Authority	\$	\$62,474.54
Capital	\$	0.00
Total	\$	\$62,474.54

- Motion by Chris Cipares, seconded by Bruce Manner to pay all bills for April 20, 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 staffing continues for the 2026 boating season to fill remaining available positions.

Boater Communications and Special Events Committee

- Dan Messina reported that there are no tournaments scheduled for the past weekend, however several boats from the marina did attend a fishing tournament at the Burns Harbor Marina.
- The Pro-Am Fishing Tournament is scheduled for the weekend of April 25th -26th.

Master Planning and Special Projects Committee

- Bruce Manner distributed an outline of procedures for providing services/fees with the Junior Sailing School. The committee will meet with the Attorney to review and make a recommendation to the Board of Directors at an upcoming meeting.

Advertising and Public Relations Committee

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

REPORT FROM THE ATTORNEY

- Attorney Joe Zaknoen reported that he continues to contact several different people at the Indiana Department of Environmental Management with no response to his messages to date; advising he has inquired about potential grant opportunities for the Port Authority.
- Attorney Zaknoen also shared he still has no response from the Coast Guard concerning his request for additional information on an exclusive license for a portion of the parking lot.

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 5:14 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Accepted by: 
Tim Frame, Harbormaster

Respectfully submitted, 
Dan Messina, Board Secretary

Approved On: _____

By: 
Socrates Gray, Board President