MICHIGAN CITY PORT AUTHORITY
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

October 5, 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, Charlie Krause, Bruce Manner, Kim Sliwa, and Dan Messina. Board member Sam Ferguson was absent. Harbormaster Tim Frame, and Attorney Joe Zaknoen were also in attendance for the meeting. Assistant Harbormaster of Administration Mary Ann Pawlicke was absent.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

- Tim Glidden, MC Park Board; Mike Cooper, Slip 450

MINUTES

- Motion by Bruce Manner, seconded by Dan Messina to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2026, meeting. Motion approved unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- There were no comments from the public.

REPORT FROM HARBORMASTER

Harbormaster Tim Frame reported on the following:

- Haul-out operations continue with a full schedule anticipated for the current and following week. Buoy retrieval has been postponed until next Monday,
- At the Lighthouse Pier, Great Lakes Dock and Material placed more than 700 tons of gravel to fill voids and applied grout to stabilize the structure. The next step is to pour concrete on the top surface, with work nearing completion.
- Contractor working for the Army Corps of Engineers on the outer breakwater is expected to deliver two barge loads of stone for the outer breakwater. Arrival and construction activities have been delayed, likely due to weather, and work is expected to begin upon arrival.

REPORT FROM ASSISTANT HARBORMASTER OF ADMINISTRATION

- There was no report from Mary Ann Pawlicke at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Financial Oversight Committee

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

Port Authority	$	$80,059.15
Capital	$	0.00
Total	**$**	**$80,059.15**

- Kim Sliwa, Advertising and Public Relations, explained to the Board the cost associated with publishing and advertisement in the annual "Visit Michigan City LaPorte Indiana -Visitors Guide for 2027.
- Motion by Chris Cipares, seconded by Bruce Manner to pay all bills for October 5, 2026, as presented. Motion approved unanimously.
- Chris Cipares reported that he and Mary Ann Pawlicke have been working on the budget and evaluating potential rate increases for the next two seasons. Three sheets were shared with Board members to review, ask questions and prepare for discussion 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 that port operations remain status quo, with staff continuing seasonal work to dismantle and store equipment, including ladders. Water service is expected to be shut off around October 15.

Boater Communications and Special Events Committee

- Dan Messina reported that no special events were reported. Recent storms resulted in dirty water conditions, and a recent fishing outing yielded no perch. Perch fishing may improve later in the month as conditions change.

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 Zaknoen reported that the Yacht Club's Attorney has not responded to the request to schedule a settlement conference. If a response is received, the appropriate parties will be notified, and the meeting will be scheduled. There is no update from Judge Bergerson regarding his appointment to act as a special judge in this claim.
- A written response was received from the individual accused of excessive noise. The response is being reviewed alongside the complaints' notes to determine whether an interview is necessary.
- A revised draft of the proposed 2027–2028 Grand Prix License Agreement will be distributed to the Board for review. Proposed changes include correcting the license fee to $0 for 2027 and $1,000 for 2028, clarifying parking pass provisions under the automated parking system, and maintaining $2 million in Umbrella Liability coverage. The Board will review the agreement and vote at a future meeting. Parking on Park Department property remains the responsibility of that department.

OLD BUSINESS

- There was no old business to be discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

- There was no new business to be discussed.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- There were no comments from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Chris Cipares, seconded by Kim Sliwa, to adjourn the meeting at 5:18 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Accepted by: _____ Respectfully submitted, _____

Tim Frame, Harbormaster *Dan Messina, Board Secretary*

Approved On: 10/19/26

By: _____

Socrates Gray, Board President