MICHIGAN CITY PORT AUTHORITY
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

October 19, 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, Kim Sliwa, and Dan Messina. Board member Charlie Krause was absent. Harbormaster Tim Frame and Assistant Harbormaster Mary Ann Pawlicke were also in attendance at the meeting. Attorney Zaknoen was absent.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

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

MINUTES

- Motion by Bruce Manner, seconded by Chris Cipares to approve the minutes of the October 5, 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:

- The north side of the Lighthouse Pier has reached substantial completion. The Corps of Engineers conducted a pre-final inspection and identified punch-list items expected to be addressed within one week.
- Buoy retrieval has been completed.
- Water service was shut off in the designated areas last Thursday, and preparations for winterizing the plumbing are underway.

REPORT FROM ASSISTANT HARBORMASTER OF ADMINISTRATION

- Approximately ten abandoned boats remain at Trail Creek. Efforts to obtain registrations and titles through the State have been slow, with only two titles received to date. To expedite the process, letters will be sent to the boat owners requesting copies of their titles.
- Winterization scheduling is also underway, with appointments currently booked approximately two weeks out.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Financial Oversight Committee

- Chris Cipares reviewed the Claims Docket prepared for October 19, 2026.

Port Authority	$	$60,166.44
Capital	$	0.00
Total	**$**	**$60,166.44**

- Motion by Chris Cipares, seconded by Sam Ferguson to pay all bills for October 19, 2026, as presented. Motion approved unanimously.
- Chris Cipares shared a proposal to increase slip fees for the Washington Park, Sprague Point and Trail Creek for 2027. Motion by Chris Cipares, seconded by Bruce Manner. With all slip holders abstaining, motion passed unanimously.

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 steady, with staff continuing routine duties and completing assigned tasks.

Boater Communications and Special Events Committee

- Dan Messina reported he noticed the recently painted marina finger piers. The work was noted to be well done, and no other updates or concerns were reported.

Master Planning and Special Projects Committee

- Bruce Manner shared that he agreed that the Master Planning and Special Projects remain dependent on securing funding to move forward with the identified projects. The project list has been compiled, but no additional updates were provided.
- The Park Board met the previous Wednesday; however, there were no added items to report to the Board.

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

- Motion by Bruce Manner to remove the Clock Project from the Table, seconded by Sam Ferguson. Motion passed unanimously.
- Dan Messina reported that the clock project is awaiting pricing from a vendor for replacement clock motors, based on the existing components provided for review. The Board discussed concerns about the potential cost of restoring the handcrafted clockwork and future maintenance requirements. No work is expected to occur until spring, but the goal is to obtain pricing and make a final decision on whether to proceed.
- Motion by Bruce Manner, seconded by Chris Cipares to move the Clock Project to the Table. Motion passed unanimously.

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 5:22 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Accepted by: Tim Frame
Tim Frame, Harbormaster

Respectfully submitted, Dan Messina
Dan Messina, Board Secretary

Approved On: 11-2-26

By:
Socrates Gray, Board President