## MICHIGAN CITY PORT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### **September 28, 2020**

# **TIME & PLACE**

The regular meeting of the Michigan City Port Authority Board of Directors was called to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Port Authority board room.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

Board President Sam Ferguson presided. Board members in attendance included Amanda Beutner, Chad Childers, Socrates Gray, John Haynes, Bruce Manner and Dan Messina. Harbormaster Tim Frame and Assistant Harbormaster of Administration Mary Ann Pawlicke were both in attendance along with Attorney Joe Zaknoen.

#### **GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE**

Guests in attendance included Michele Bielinski (*Larsen-Danielson Group*), Colin Hassinger (*Edgewater Resources, LLC*) and Rich Muha (*Gariup Construction*).

#### **MINUTES**

Upon motion made by Bruce Manner, seconded by John Haynes, the board approved the minutes to the previous meeting.

#### REPORT FROM HARBORMASTER

Harbormaster Tim Frame reported on the following:

- Winding down for the season; only three slips at Washington Park Marina remained unrented for the season; this includes full capacity at Trail Creek and Sprague Pointe marinas.
- Worked around high-water levels this season which peaked in July; currently seven (7") inches down which we hope will continue and level out.

## REPORT FROM ASSISTANT HARBORMASTER

Assistant Harbormaster of Administration Mary Ann Pawlicke reported on the following:

- Due to Labor Day holiday, meetings are back to back; next one scheduled for October 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Reiterated Harbormasters' report stating that because of the full capacity, this is the first time in many years we
  have had to resort to a slip Waiting List for the 2021 season.
- Submitted the Board Member information sheet to review for changes.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. On behalf of the **Budget and Financial Oversight Committee**, Socrates Gray reviewed the bills to be paid.

Upon motion made by Amanda Beutner, seconded by John Haynes, the board approved payment of bills as presented.

- 2. On behalf of the Claims and Insurance Committee, John Haynes had nothing to report.
- On behalf of the *Port Operations, Personnel and Marina Policy Committee*, Sam Ferguson inquired about changes
  to the Wi-Fi as discussed during previous meetings. Harbormaster Frame assured the board some recommended
  adjustments are being made to reconfigure the plan as well as the installation of new fiber lines
- 4. On behalf of the Boater Communications and Special Events Committee, Dan Messina reported on the following:
  - As the boating season is pretty close to being over with boaters are packing up and leaving.
  - There did not seem to be any mechanical issues with the fish station this year.
  - Went on to inform the board that there has been a huge influx of political (*nautical*) flags seen about the marina and fears it may impede navigation.
- 5. On behalf of the *Master Planning and Special Projects Committee*, Bruce Manner had nothing to report.
- 6. On behalf of the *Advertising and Public Relations Committee*, Amanda Beutner commented vehicular traffic driving in the wrong direction from *Fish Camp* and *Millennium Plaza* and suggested the 'One-Way' signs be repositioned.

## REPORT FROM THE ATTORNEY

Attorney Joe Zaknoen had nothing to report.

Board President Sam Ferguson asked Attorney Zaknoen to begin the bid opening for the 400, 500, 600 Dock Electrical & Re-decking Project.

Tabulations were as follows:

The first bid opened was from:

# **LARSON-DANIELSON CONSTRUCTION**

La Porte, Indiana

The second bid opened was from:

#### R. CONSTRUCTION

Nappanee, Indiana

Base Bid - 4/21/20 Sub. completion date...... \$ 1,335,180.00

The third bid opened was from:

# **GARIUP CONSTRUCTION COMPANY**

Gary, Indiana

Discussion ensued regarding specifics to project, **NIPSCO**'s involvement and what bid numbers entailed; engineering and legal aspects to be reviewed by *Edgewater Resources* and Attorney Zaknoen to see if they meet all specifications.

Upon motion made by Bruce Manner, seconded by Socrates Gray, the board awarded the project bid to *Larson-Danielson* in the amount of one million two-hundred nine-thousand eight-hundred and five (\$1,259,805.00) dollars as presented, pending engineering and legal review.

Roll call was conducted for clarification as follows: Amanda Beutner, aye; Chad Childers, aye; Sam Ferguson, aye; Socrates Gray, aye; John Haynes, aye; Bruce Manner, aye; Dan Messina, aye. The motion was approved.

Discussion followed regarding general time frame based upon weather dependent issues and water levels; Harbormaster Frame informed the board that during pervious projects, clean-up was conducted at the end of each day. Mr. Hassinger detailed that due to the significant cost of the project, *Larsen-Danielson* is obligated to have performance and payment bonds to insure payment to their sub-contractors. This takes approximately one week subsequently work could commence in two weeks. The harbormaster did suggest that the start date would also need to be coordinated with the departure and/or relocation of remaining boaters.

Upon completion of review, Mr. Hassinger informed the board he will confirm results with Harbormaster Frame.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Haynes inquired about the 'ESD / No Swimming' signs and was informed they had already been installed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business to discuss during this meeting.

Minutes prepared by Kristen N. Winkelstern

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion made by John Haynes, seconded by C	Chad Childers, the board adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.
Accepted by: Tim Frame, Harbormaster	Respectfully submitted,
Approved On:  By: Sam Ferguson, Board President	_
There were no attachments for this meeting	