

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

April 3, 2023

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

Board President Socrates Gray presided. Board members in attendance included Chad Childers, Sam Ferguson, John Haynes, Bruce Manner, and Dan Messina. Board member Amanda Beutner was absent. Harbormaster Tim Frame, Assistant Harbormaster Mary Ann Pawlicke, Assistant Harbormaster of Operations Brian Jackson, and Attorney Joe Zaknoen were also in attendance.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Slip 512 – Joe Dabkowski, Phil Freese, MC Parks & Recreation Board; Council Member Paul Przybylinski.

MINUTES

Motion by Dan Messina, seconded by John Haynes, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- Boater shared concern about PVC plastic pipe that protrudes in the 500 Dock pavilion area. MCPA staff to review and make necessary repair.

REPORT FROM HARBORMASTER

Harbormaster Tim Frame reported on the following:

- Dredging of the Trail Creek ramp by Paragon Integrated Services is in progress. There was an issue concerning the removal of the dredged material that has since been resolved. Permit for this project is in force until April 15th and trucks are coming in to remove material.
- The Washington Park ramp was inspected and the north ramp is unusable at this time. Paragon Integrated Services was asked to review and provide an estimate to dredge the ramp. After conferring with legal counsel, Donkersloot & Sons and J&B Excavating were also asked to provide an estimate for the project. Due to the timing of the project and available vendors, Harbormaster requested the Board consider setting a “not to exceed price” to complete dredging of the Washington Park ramp. Harbormaster would then award project to prevailing vendor so that the project can be completed in a timely fashion.
- Boats in winter storage at the dry stacks in Trail Creek have been removed.
- The water department began turning on the water throughout the marina.
- Piling covers and Rub Rail strips are being repaired prior to the arrival of boats.
- Motion by Dan Messina, 2nd by Chad Childers to approve an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 to be used to complete dredging of the Washington Park ramp. Motion passed unanimously.
- MCPA continues to seek alternative methods to help prevent sand erosion in the ramps.

REPORT FROM ASSISTANT HARBORMASTER OF ADMINISTRATION

Assistant Harbormaster Mary Ann Pawlicke reported on the following:

- The office has been fielding phone calls and providing people with marina stickers and ramp passes.
- Only three 35 ft. slips remain unassigned in the Washington Park Marina. There are 8 slips available in Trail Creek for seasonal rental.

