

Michigan City Port Authority

Board Of Directors

August 1, 2022

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 Socrates Gray presided. Board Members in attendance included Vice President Bruce Manner, Sam Ferguson, Chad Childers, John Haynes, Dan Messina, Harbormaster Tim Frame, and Assistant Harbormaster of Administration, Mary Ann Pawlicke.

Board Member Amanda Buetner and Attorney Zaknoen were absent.

Guest in Attendance

Bob Kelsey – 300 Dock Rep

Phil Freese – Park Board

Kevin -Alco TV

Minutes

Motion to Approval or Correction of July 25, 2022, meeting minutes by John Haynes. Seconded by Sam Ferguson.

Report from Harbormaster

Harbormaster Tim Frame reported on the following:

We need to come up with what we are doing for boaters who held off putting their boats in because they did not have electricity.

Some boaters held off on launching because of no electricity at their slips. Several of them stated they would have launched sooner but held off until the electric came back on.

The Cormorants are back we have been cleaning up after them. We have located a Bird dispersion laser and it's on order. It's not expected until mid-August due to supply chain demands.

The laser is effective at night on cormorants and other birds. And according to Fish and Wildlife, there is no need for a permit if the procedure is non-lethal. We are waiting to hear back from the State Ornithologist, to make sure this is ok with the DNR. If this is ok with Fish and Wildlife, it should be ok with DNR. As soon as we receive the laser, we'll inform you on how it works.

Mr. Robson felt the forklift turn around time was longer than he anticipated. On Father's Day there was a scheduling mishap that was corrected later in the day. But Mr. Robson expected a 5-minute turn around, but on a busy weekend that is not achievable. We have new drivers that were informed to take their time as not to damage anything.

Mr. Robson's boat is no longer at Trail Creek, Harbormaster Tim Frame is in favor of giving him a prorated refund.

Tim will talk to attorney Zaknoen about the refund.

The rule book was handed out for board members to read and see if anything needs to be updated.

I would like to come up with a more detailed definition of what a dinghy is. At the present, the rule book does not define what a dinghy is. Over the years a dinghy has gone from an 8-10-ft. inflatable to an 10-12 ft. ridged hole inflatable to a 13-15 ft. Boston Whale rand a 21ft Bay liner. Next year we need to define what is a dinghy and how to address it.

A new plan for park access during the Grand Prix will be as follows

- A. Gate 1 Race Boats, Dry, Team Auxiliary, Marina Parking, Emergency Vehicles, ADA service, VIP (Limited)
- B. Gate 2 Michigan City Parking Stickers, Vendors, EOC Service
- C. Gate 3 Pay Parking

At each gate there will be a big sign 4x8 showing a picture of acceptable stickers. No guest parking passes will be given out during this weekend, due to what we lose for the Boat Race.

Motion by Sam Ferguson seconded by Chad Childers.

Tim stated, we have not done anything more with the cameras since last week but, they are still working on them.

Report from Asst. Harbormaster of Administration

Mary Ann Pawlicke

- With the Boat Race coming, the request for slips availability is increasing. Unfortunately, we do not have the slips available that we had 5 years ago.

Budget and Financial Oversight

Sam Ferguson

August 1, Claims Docket

- Port Authority \$58,330.53
- Port Authority EFT \$ 7.152.07
- Capital \$5,102.34

- Total of Claims \$70,584.94

Motion to accept the Bills

By Sam Ferguson, second by Chad Childers

Claims and Insurance

John Haynes- No report

Boater Communication, Special Events

Dan Messina- No report

Master Planning and Special Projects Park Liaison

Bruce Manner- No report

Advertising and Public Relations

Amanda Buetner-Absent-No Report

Attorney Report

Joe Zaknoen- Absent- No report

Old Business

New business

Guest Recognition

Adjournment

Upon motion made by John Haynes, seconded by Bruce Manner, the board adjourned the meeting at 5:34 p. m.


Accepted by: 

Tim Frame, Harbormaster

Approved On: 8/15/22

By: 

Socrates Gray, Board President

Respectfully submitted, 

Dan Messina, Board Secretary