

East Chicago Port Authority Board of Directors- Board Meeting

Marina Social Center – Wednesday, April 17, 2019 @ 5:00 p.m.

Port Authority President Marino Solorio called the meeting of the East Chicago Port Authority Board of Directors to order at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 17, 2019. Ateria Allen took roll call. Following in attendance unless otherwise noted:

BOARD MEMBERS	STAFF
Marino Solorio, President	
Frank Kresich, Vice President	
Ronald Squok, Secretary	
Mick Montrose ABSENT	
Steve Flowers	Natalie Adams, Marina General Manager

OTHERS PRESENT: Rick Cleveringa, Cathy Sellers, John Mulesa, Tim Walczak, and James Trandel

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Ron Squok moved to approve meeting minutes for March 20, 2019 (second by Steve Flowers). All ayes, motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS:

CLAIM WARRANT APPROVAL

Ron Squok moved to approve claim warrant 041719MA dated 041019 for \$27,284.22 (second by Frank Kresich). All ayes, motion carries.

PAYROLL DOCKET APPROVAL

Frank Kresich moved to approve payroll docket A, B and C (second by Steve Flowers). All ayes, motion carried.

- A. Checks dated 032219 for \$12,183.84
- B. Checks dated 040519 for \$11,783.13
- C. Checks dated 041219 for \$4,200.00 (Bonus)

60 DAY PAST DUE INVOICE(S)

Ron Squok moved to approve past due invoice A for Dream Builders (second by Steve Flowers). All ayes, motion carries.

- A. Invoice # 170968 for \$6,212.50

Ron Squok moved to approve past due invoice B for Chicago Tires (second by Frank Kresich). All ayes, motion carries.

B. Invoice # 207567 for \$466.00

Frank Kresich moved to approve past due Invoice C for Northwest Industrial (second by Ron Squok). All ayes, motion carries.

C. Invoice # 302691 for \$1,500.00

LAKEFRONT STAGE CONTRACTS

Ron Squok moved to approve a quote given to the East Chicago Marina by Electrical Resource Management for the amount of \$33,747.89. This quote includes Tube arch LED Pendant, Tube Arch Swivel Canopy and a Bird Guard. (Second by Frank Kresich). All ayes, motioned approve.

Frank Kresich moved to approve a contract agreement with the East Chicago Marina and Midwestern Electric for the installation of house light fixtures for the amount of \$28,467.00, installation of bell boxes, conduit, GCFI outlets for the amount of \$13,876.00 and the installation of the sound power panel for the amount of \$1,980.00. (Second by Steve Flowers). All ayes motion carries.

INCREASE OF PO AMOUNT

Ron Squok moved to approve a change order for the amount of \$911.00. The increase of this PO will aid to the replacement of damaged inventory on the existing dock and install couplers, sleeves and brackets.

FISH CLEANING STATION CONTRACT

Frank Kresich moved to approve a contract with the East Chicago Marina and King's Heating and Cooling for the installation of a new Insinkerator waste disposer. This includes removing old unit and hooking up the new electrical line from the control box to the new unit and new drain lines going into the ground for the amount of \$8,200.00. (Second by Frank Kresich). All ayes, motion carries.

TONKOVICH OIL CONTRACT

Frank Kresich moved to approve a contract with the City of East Chicago Marina and Tonkovich Oil to supply diesel fuel and gasoline under the same pricing and conditions set forth in the City of East Chicago Fuel Supply Contract. (Second by Steve Flowers). All ayes, motion carries.

DETAILS HOME IMPROVEMENT FOR EMERGENCY CONTRACT

Steve Flowers move to approve a contract with the East Chicago Marina and Detail Home Improvement to lay carpet and install a rubber wall base inside of the Marina's new office building. (Second by Ron Squok). All ayes, motion carries.

JAMES J. TRANDEL REFUND

Steve Flowers moved to approve a full refund to James J. Trandel in the amount of \$1,823.00. Mr. Trandel was requesting a refund because he has a disability which does not allow him to sail anymore and plus his boat has not touched the water this boating season. The boating season began April 1st.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

EXECUTIVE REPORT: Natalie reported that she did get the green light to replace the old wood on the fishing pier. She states that it may have to be rebid out due to scope of work changes. They will be removing the stairs and replacing the deck. This new change would make the upper level of the pier inaccessible. The structure of the remodeled fishing pier would be strictly for fishing and not a boating pier. She also invites the board members as well as the audience to come out to the Cinco De Mayo Celebration that will be held at the East Chicago Marina on May 3rd. Natalie also makes the Board Members aware of an incident that happen at the Marina this past Monday when the staff was trying to relocate a boat with a travel lift. During this move the boat's mass and the power lines did collide but luckily nobody was injured during this incident. Moving forward there needs to be a conversation about a new location for sail boat storage. Natalie also states that she will be proactive in scheduling for boats to move into the water. The marina wants the parking lot clear so they can make repairs to the parking lot. Natalie is in talks with Midwestern and Nipsco with getting more lighting at the Marina. Nipsco may have a program that will help by swapping out the current lighting with LED lighting.

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

REMARKS/ PUBLIC COMMENT: Tim Walczak asked about the operation hours of the dry sack. Natalie responds that the hours will be Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. You may have to call either the office or the guard shack to get assistance because no one will be stationed there. As staffing increases than hopefully someone can be stationed there at least through the weekend. Tim also asked about upgrading the Wi-Fi package because Wi-Fi tends to be very slow at the Marina. Natalie states that DirecTV has explained to her that when a lot of people are streaming that the Wi-Fi will not run as fast as it would when less people are streaming. Tim goes on to state that sometime when there are less boaters out than normal the Wi-Fi still runs slow. She suggested that once his boat comes in that she will call DirecTV and we all can sit down and find a solution. Cathy asked "What is the status of the gate signs ordered?" Natalie explained that some signs have come in including a No wake sign. Natalie asked the audience for a suggestion on the placement on the sign and if another sign needed to be ordered. Cathy suggested that a good location would be at the end of A pier close to the beginning of B pier and that another sign does need to be ordered. John Mulesa suggested that the Marina should place Do Not Block the Center of the Dock signs/ Do Not Obstruct Walk Way Signs throughout the Marina because he has a hard time walking to his slip. Some boaters bring friends along and they bring barbeque grills and sprinklers and block off the walk way. Natalie replies that in the boaters contract it states that the Marina does not allow barbeque grills on the piers or installation of anything such as sprinklers on their property. She will tell the staff to walk through more and maybe send out some reminders of the rules stated in the contract. John then goes on to state that some boaters are placing flag poles and flags on the dock. Some of the flags are even offensive. Natalie states that flags are allowed to be placed only on

the boat and not on the pier. The Pier can be used to place shade structures, a small stair case and boat ties. Anything else is against the Marina rules.

NEXT MEETING: May 15, 2019 @ 5:00 p.m.

Ron Squok moved to adjourn (second by Steve Flowers). All ayes. Meeting adjourned