

**East Chicago Port Authority Board of Directors - Board Meeting**

**Marina Social Center – Wednesday, August 21, 2019 @ 5:00 p.m.**

Port Authority Vice President Frank Kresich called the meeting of the East Chicago Port Authority Board of Directors to order at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 21, 2019. Ateria Allen took roll call. Following in attendance unless otherwise noted:

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Rick Cleveringa, Cathy Sellers, Sarrah Schipper, Nancy Casey, Tim Walczak, Deanna Riley, Chris Roberts, Rose Alexander, R. Koncalovic, Juan Alfamirano, Daryl Ball, and Scott Cichocki

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**

Ron Squok moved to approve meeting minutes for July 17, 2019 (second by Mick Montrose). All ayes, motion carries.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**CLAIM WARRANT APPROVAL**

Ron Squok moved to approve claim warrant A and B (second by Mick Montrose). All ayes, motion carries.  
A. 081519MA for \$215.61  
B. 082119MA for \$36,121.66

**PAYROLL DOCKET APPROVAL**

Ron Squok moved to approve payroll docket A and B (second by Steve Flowers). All ayes, motion carries.  
A. Checks dated 072619 for \$13,229.43  
B. Checks dated 080919 for \$12,953.18

**OVER 60 DAYS PAST DUE INVOICE(S)**

Mick Montrose moved to approve payment of past due invoice. (Second by Ron Squok). All ayes, motion carries.  
A. Wild Goose Chase - Invoice # 30142 for the amount of \$900.00  
B. Wild Goose Chase – Invoice #30683 for the amount of \$1,150.00  
C. Trevino’s – Invoice #13336 for the amount of \$150.00

## **PROPOSAL APPROVAL FOR GREAT ESCAPES LANDSCAPE**

Ron Squok moved to approve the cost proposal for Great Escape Landscape for the amount of \$12,000.00. This landscaping service fee is for the Marina Roundabout/ Inland Steel Overpass. The cost includes all necessary area soil preparation, labor fees, removal fees, necessary landscape and hardscape materials, and any applicable material sale taxes. (Second by Mick Montrose). All ayes, motion carries.

### **OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

**EXECUTIVE REPORT:** Natalie states the Fusic Fest was a success for the City. The City does plan to continue with the fest making it bigger and better for years to come. On the other hand the city will come up with a better plan for parking and pedestrian control. The Board of Works did approve the request for the painting of the railing and building. A purchase order has been generated and work should begin within the next two weeks. Natalie states the City is scheduling a meeting with NIPSCO for all of the power issues that have been going on with the marina and throughout the City. Hopefully, they can come up with a solution to minimize the panels and boards that are being fried when a storm comes our way. The Marina is not the only place that is experiencing these issues. Ameristar and Arcelor Mittal has been having these same issues at their facilities. The Marina has hired a new security firm, Federal Protection Agency. Due to the vandalism and gang tags on the shelters and beach ball on the beach side. The City has decided to get more security to nip this situation in the bud. Natalie apologized to the boaters for not giving notice for such a major change but fast decisions had to be made, in order to protect our boaters and our marina. Boaters have been asking for a tighter security and now we have made it available. Chris Roberts gave the audience a short introduction, presentation, and a Q and A session to the board as well as the boaters about the new security firm. The security firm is creating a database that will require vehicle and ID information. This database will help them to identify a slip to a boat to a car to a name to a face. Natalie is willing to write: The Marina will be getting rid of a large number of abandon boats on either October 6<sup>th</sup> or November 6<sup>th</sup>. This will create more space for potential boater business. Natalie states that she will try to give their boaters visitor passes.

### **CORRESPONDENCE: NONE**

**REMARKS/ PUBLIC COMMENT:** Many boaters express their concerns about the new security upgrade that has taken place at the Marina. A boater expressed concern about the casino fence stating that the fence is damaged and in need of repair. Natalie states that they will be replacing the fence. A boater has requested that the area of the Marina closer to the yacht club be swept more frequently. Natalie addressed him by saying that if they notify the office, they have no issue sending the street sweeper along to clean up. A boater suggested that no smoking signs be placed in the bathroom and that the women's bathroom needs a sanitary napkin receptacle in the stalls. Natalie states that she will take care of the no smoking signs and the receptacles. There were no smoking signs in the bathroom before and

was unaware that somebody took them down. Another boater suggests the weeds get sprayed by the rocks because they are growing out of control. Natalie stated that this issue will be addressed by the end of the week. Another boater stated that B dock gate needed to be repaired and that she had a few loose blocks on the finger pier. Natalie stated that someone did come out to try to repair the gate at B pier but didn't have all of the parts but told her staff that he will return Thursday to repair the gate. Also that the Marina had extra glue and blocks and that her staff could repair the loose blocks at B dock.

**NEXT MEETING:** September 18, 2019 @ 5:00 p.m.

**Ron Squok moved to adjourn (second by Mick Montrose). All ayes, Meeting adjourned**