

East Chicago Port Authority Board of Directors - Board Meeting

Marina Social Center – Wednesday, June 16th, 2021 @ 5:00 p.m.

Port Authority President Marino Solorio called the meeting of the East Chicago Port Authority Board of Directors to order at 5:09 p.m. on Wednesday, June 16th, 2021. Ateria Allen took roll call. Following in attendance unless otherwise noted:

BOARD MEMBERS	STAFF
Marino Solorio, President	
Frank Kresich, Vice President	
Ronald Squok, Secretary	
Teri Smith PHONED IN	
Ruby Flowers PHONED IN	

****Due to the COVID -19 crisis members can phone in until further notice.***

OTHERS PRESENT: Councilwoman Monica Gonzalez

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Ruby Flowers moved to approve meeting minutes from May 19, 2021 (second by Teri Smith). All ayes, motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS:

****Ruby Flowers made a motion to amend the agenda to add resolution 0621-6 (Second by: Teri Smith). All ayes, motion carries.***

CLAIM WARRANT APPROVAL

Ruby Flowers moved to approve claim warrant A and B (second by Teri Smith). All ayes, motion carries.
A. 060821MA for \$83.93
B. 061121MA for \$25,534.74

PAYROLL DOCKET APPROVAL

Ruby Flowers moved to approve payroll docket A and B (second by Teri Smith). All ayes, motion carries.
A. Checks dated 052821 for \$9,929.22
B. Checks dated 061121 for \$10,438.76

RESOLUTION 0621-1 – TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS

Teri Smith moved to approve a resolution of the Port Authority of the City of East Chicago authorizing the transfer of appropriations within the E.C Marina Department (Second by Ruby Flowers). All ayes, motion carries.

RESOLUTION 0621-2 – TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS

Teri Smith moved to approve a resolution of the Port Authority of the City of East Chicago authorizing the transfer of appropriations within the E.C Marina Department (Second by Ron Squok). All ayes, motion carries.

RESOLUTION 0621-3 – TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS

Ruby Flowers moved to approve a resolution of the Port Authority of the City of East Chicago authorizing the transfer of appropriations within the E.C Marina Department (Second by Teri Smith). All ayes, motion carries.

RESOLUTION 0621-4 – TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS

Teri Smith moved to approve a resolution of the Port Authority of the City of East Chicago authorizing the transfer of appropriations within the E.C Marina Department (Second by Ruby Flowers). All ayes, motion carries.

RESOLUTION 0621-5 – TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS

Teri Smith moved to approve a resolution of the Port Authority of the City of East Chicago authorizing the transfer of appropriations within the E.C Marina Department (Second by Ruby Flowers). All ayes, motion carries.

RESOLUTION 0621-6 – TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS

Teri Smith moved to approve a resolution of the Port Authority of the City of East Chicago authorizing the transfer of appropriations within the E.C Marina Department (Second by Ruby Flowers). All ayes, motion carries.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

EXECUTIVE REPORT: Natalie states that the Marina side is completely open as far as boating and numbers are up from last year. H2O will remain closed this year. The goose population is down which is a good thing. The wood fishing pier should be done this year. As far as venue spaces the health officer still says that due to covid venue spaces remain at 50% capacity. The beach is still closed. There's a lot of damage and debris on the beach and the beach is in no shape to open this year. We will be meeting with the army core to see how our beach levels test out and try to come up with a plan to try to improve those numbers. I've been talking to contractors and suppliers regarding starting projects but have been told to wait a couple of weeks to see if the price on some supplies would become cheaper. Also, I'm waiting on funds to hit our accounts.

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

REMARKS/ PUBLIC COMMENT: Frank Kresich asked a question that a boater who attended a previous meeting brought up which was why the travel lift wasn't operating on Sundays. Natalie states that the Marina never moved or scheduled boats to move on Sundays. Sometimes if it's a slow day the staff might move boats for the guests but that up to the staff's discretion. Marino Solorio states if we could send condolence letters to the boaters that were involved in the incident a few weeks back. Natalie states that she would have to talk with the board's attorney.

Councilwoman Gonzalez states that a letter was sent by the council to Ms. Adams, the Mayor and Sandra regarding the beach closures. Ms. Adams came to the last council meeting and stated that due to heavy erosion and heavy equipment not being able to get on the beach to do work that the beach had to remain closed. We would like what's the plan. We the council would like to request information on the percentage lost at the beach throughout the years. We also would like contact information for DNR, IDEM and the Army Core of Engineers. It's sad that all of the other beaches in the surrounding areas are open except East Chicago. I also understand that there has always been a problem with the splash pads ever since it was first built. Can that get corrected while the splash pad is closed this year? We would like to be on top of things so that everything can open up as normal for next year. Natalie states that she would like an official request of the council and would answer the questions once the request was received. When we open up we would like to open up safely. Our first concerns are the residents.

NEXT MEETING: July 21st, 2021 @ 5:00 p.m.

Frank Kresich moved to adjourn (second by Ruby Flowers). All ayes, Meeting adjourned