

TOWN OF LA POINTE
Board of Harbor Commissioners
THURSDAY March 9, 2023
8:00 a.m. at Town Hall and via Zoom

Approved Minutes

Commissioners Present: Michael Childers, Carol Neubauer, Mike Anderson, Michael Collins, Evan Erickson Jr., Pete Ross, Zach Montagne

Staff Present: Lauren Burtaux, *Harbor Commission Secretary*

1. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 8:00am by M. Childers.
2. Roll Call: All members present as listed above.
3. Public Comment: None.
4. Operating Agreement Discussion with Attorney Tim Feldhausen: Closed Session:
Motion to go into closed session at 8:04am by E. Erickson, seconded by M. Anderson, all in favor, 7 ayes, Motion Carried and in closed session. Motion to come out of closed session by M. Anderson, seconded by E. Erickson; 7 ayes, Motion Carried and back in open session at 8:24am.
5. Minutes; 3/2/23: Motion to approve minutes as presented by M. Anderson, seconded by Z. Montagne, all in favor, 7 ayes, motion carried.
5. Committees – Updates, including any questions on RAISE Grant submission and Congressional Directed Spending submission:
 - a. Ashland Daily Press article headline was incorrect. The Daily Press retracted the article.
 - b. RAISE Grant Application: M. Kutcha, grant writer, has joined the meeting to answer questions regarding the submitted application. The Commission is very happy with the final product and letters of support. Discussion of how the decision process works and the rounds the application goes through. Questions of if there is a timeline to know whether the submission has made it past phase one or phase two, will they inform you? No. It is possible they might contact the grant writer for clarification or further questions.
 - c. Congressionally Directed Spending: Deadline for submission was 3/6/23. Purchase of MIFL is submitted as number one priority. Town Park stairs and bridge needs to be replaced which is the second priority submitted from Town of La Pointe.
6. Offers of Assistance – Updates:
 - a. Collins: Update on Governor’s budget: M. Collins emailed with Senior Policy Advisor, Jacob Pankratz – HC requested \$200,000 in governor’s budget and was identified as potential eligible project in two categories: neighborhood capital investment fund grant program and tourism capital investment grant program. Encourages discussion with legislative members to help the cause. M. Collins reached out to Michael Luckey.
 - b. Neubauer: Pinnacle Marine Vessel Appraisal – M. Anderson motion to approve appraisal, seconded by E. Erickson, all in favor; 7 ayes. Motion

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carried. Jon Gargulak (land appraiser) has started the process of real estate appraising. He will be coming to see the different properties and will need someone to assist in going through each property.

- c. Childers: Need to approach Town Board for additional sum of capital and will be requesting \$50,000.

8. Approval of Bills: One bill to approve from Pinnacle Marine for \$4,875.00, invoice #1344, for fleet valuation. Motion to approve bill by P. Ross, seconded by E. Erickson, all in favor to approve bill; 7 ayes. Motion carried. Question of when M. Kutcha was contracted to write RAISE grant application. L. Burtuax to look back in minutes and find date of approval.

9. Future Agenda Items: Financial workshop in closed session.

M. Anderson asked about soil sampling when the land appraiser comes. This was deemed unnecessary since there are no storage tanks on property and no history of the sort. Potential to surface sampling. Per a discussion with Tim Feldhausen, level one soil testing would suffice.

10. Meeting Dates: Saturday, March 18th, 2023, at 9am.

11. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by E. Erickson, seconded by Z. Montagne, all in favor. The meeting is adjourned at 8:58am.

Respectfully submitted by Lauren Burtuax, Harbor Commission Secretary.

Minutes approved as presented on Saturday, March 25th, 2023. L. Burtuax, Commission secretary.