

TOWN OF LA POINTE
Board of Harbor Commissioners
THURSDAY August 17th, 2023
9:00 a.m. at Town Hall and via Zoom
Approved Minutes

Commissioners Present: Michael Childers, Mike Anderson, Zach Montagne, Carol Neubauer, Michael Collins, Pete Ross

Commissioners Absent: Evan Erickson Jr.

Staff Present: Lauren Burtaux, Harbor Commission Secretary; Michael Kuchta, Town Administrator, Glenn Carlson, Town Chair

Public Present: Jim Peters, Mike Halstead from Wisconsin Harbor and Waterways, Mary Forlenza from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

1. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 9:00am by M. Childers.
2. Roll Call: Members present as listed above.
3. Public Comment: None.
4. Presentation: Mike Halsted from Wisconsin Harbor and Waterways: Introduction of Harbor Assistance Program (HAP) and waterborne commerce. There is 29 HAP eligible ports in the state of Wisconsin. This year 20 million was awarded to fund projects throughout the state not limited to dredging, infrastructure, and development. HAP has already helped fund projects here in La Pointe, including the redevelopment of dock and landing in 2018/19. The \$200,000 awarded to the La Pointe Harbor Commission from the Governor's budget will come from the HAP budget. M. Childers thanks Governor Evers, along with senator Quinn and Representative Green for their support in startup cost funds for the Harbor Commission.
5. Presentation: Mary Forlenza from the FHWA: Every state has a federal highway office. It's important to fill out the National Census of Ferry Operators (NCFO) – submit to Federal Bureau of Statistics to be eligible for Federal Ferry Boat Program. There is a two-year delay to receive any reward money. To receive federal funding, the operation must be publicly owned. The state DOT works with the FHWA to help facilitate funding and support for publicly owned ferries. There are many eligibilities to use the money such as operating costs, ferry boats terminal facilities, maintenance facilities and the procurement of transit vehicles. There is about 110 billion dollars available nationally, and about 90-92% is awarded. There is a formula used based on ridership, vehicle use, milage, etc. that goes into how the money is allocated.

Motion to move to adjourn the meeting by P. Ross, seconded by M. Collins, all in favor, members move to adjourn the meeting.

6. Minutes 08/10/2023: None.
7. Committees – Updates: None.

- a. President
 - b. Communications
 - c. Operating Agreement
 - d. Purchase Agreement
 - e. Other
8. Offers of Assistance – Updates: None.
 9. Approval of Bills: None.
 10. Future Agenda Items: None.
 11. Meeting Dates: Thursday, August 24th, 2023, at 9am.
 12. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn meeting by M. Collins, seconded by E. Erickson, all in favor, meeting adjourned at 10:06am.

Respectfully submitted by Lauren Burtaux, Harbor Commission Secretary.
Minutes approved as presented on August 31st, 2023. L. Burtaux, Harbor Commission Secretary.