

**TOWN OF LA POINTE**  
**Board of Harbor Commissioners**  
**FRIDAY April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**9:00 a.m. at Town Hall and Live via YouTube**  
**Approved Minutes**

**Commissioners Present:** Michael Collins, Zach Montagne, Glenn Carlson, Evan Erickson Jr. (via Zoom), Susan Widmar, Jay Wiltz

**Commissioners Absent:** Pete Ross

**Staff Present:** Lauren Burtaux, Harbor Commission Secretary (via Zoom), Katie Kisner, Chief Administrative Officer

**Public Present:** Cal Linehan, Paul Brummer, Charley Brummer, Elena Bangeeva Erickson, Hilary Olander Quamme

1. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 9am by Z. Montagne.
2. Roll Call: All members, staff and public present as listed above.
3. Public Comment A\*:
  - a. Paul Brummer stated that he is still waiting for a 4:30/5pm meeting time. He also mentioned that he hopes the late boats for after school activities will not hinder special morning boats for propane.
  - b. Cal Linehan noted that MIFL recommends using Cooper Engineering as the engineering firm for the Harbor Assistance Program project.
  - c. Elena Bangeeva Erickson specified the days of the after-school activity boat requests as 7pm leaving Bayfield, Mondays and Wednesdays.
  - d. Evan Erickson congratulated Steve Miller on his retirement after 40 years working for Madeline Island Ferry Line. All Commissioners congratulated Steve.
4. Minutes – 3/20/25: Motion by M. Collins to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by J. Wiltz, all in favor, motion carried.
5. Chief Administrative Officer Report – Katie Kisner: Motion by E. Erickson to put the CAO report on file, seconded by S. Widmar, all in favor, motion carried.
6. Harbor Assistance Program Grant Update: Discussion on reimbursement process for the grant. The timeline should be on schedule.
7. Award Bid and Approve Contract for Madeline Island Ferry Line Boat Dock and Ramp Reconstruction - Engineering Preconstruction Site Studies and Planning: Motion by E. Erickson to award the bid to Cooper Engineering, seconded by M. Collins. Bid is slightly higher than the other bid that came in, but it includes site visits.
8. Award Bid and Approve Contract for Madeline Island Ferry Line Boat Dock and Ramp Reconstruction - Steel Ferry Dock Loading Ramp: Motion by E. Erickson to

award the bid to Cabs-Rops & Attachments, seconded by S. Widmar. E. Erickson notes the bid is over budget.

9. Discuss Late Boats for After School Activities: MIFL is prepared to run a boat at 7pm leaving Bayfield on Mondays and Wednesdays, however, currently ice is an issue; 6:40pm was suggested but not feasible for the activities. Consensus that they will plan for 7pm unless ice is a concern. The Harbor Commission will absorb costs.
10. Authorize Transfer of Funds for Reserve Loan Payments: Motion by G. Carlson to transfer \$21,901.76 to the debt service bank account, seconded by E. Erickson, all in favor, motion carried.
11. Review of MIFL Management Contract: Motion by Z. Montagne #11 to after #15, seconded by M. Collins, all in favor, motion carried.

This meeting may, upon duly made motion, be convened in closed session under State Statute 19.85 (1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. If the Commission goes into closed session; it will reconvene in open session before adjourning.

12. Approval of Bills: Motion by Z. Montagne to approve the bills in the amount of \$63,837.17, seconded by S. Widmar, all in favor, motion carried.
13. Future Agenda Items: Update on late boats/ice conditions, Harbor Assistance Program project, Board of Commissioner of Public Lands loan update.
14. Meeting Dates: Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 9am.
15. Public Comment B\*\*: None.

#11: Motion by G. Carlson to go into closed session, seconded by E. Erickson, roll call vote, 6 ayes, motion carried. Meeting in closed session at 9:36am.

Motion by M. Collins to go into open session, seconded by E. Erickson, all in favor, motion carried. Meeting back in open session at 10:17am.

16. Adjourn: Motion by J. Wiltz to adjourn, seconded by S. Widmar, all in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:18am.

Respectfully submitted by Lauren Burtaux, Harbor Commission Secretary.  
Minutes approved as presented Monday, 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025, L. Burtaux.