TOWN OF LA POINTE

Board of Harbor Commissioners MONDAY October 6th, 2025 4:30 p.m. at Town Hall and Live via YouTube Approved Minutes

Commissioners Present: Michael Collins, Zach Montagne, Glenn Carlson, Evan Erickson Jr. (joined 4:35pm), Jay Wiltz, Mary Ross, (Susan Widmar absent)

Staff Present: Katie Kisner, Chief Administrative Officer and Interim Harbor Secretary **Public Present:** Cal Linehan, Robin Trinko Russell, Charlie Brummer, John Carlson, Hilary Olander Quamme, Max Imholte

- 1. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 4:31pm by Z. Montagne.
- 2. Roll Call: All members, staff and public present as listed above.
- 3. Election for Harbor Commission Officers
 - a. President: Motion by G. Carlson to appoint Z. Montagne as President for the upcoming year, seconded by J. Wiltz, all in favor, motion carried. Z Montagne abstained. (E.Erickson absent)
 - b. Vice President: Motion by Z. Montagne to appoint J. Wiltz as the Vice President for the upcoming year, seconded by Mary Ross, all in favor, motion carried. J. Wiltz abstained. (E. Erickson absent)
- 4. Public Comment A*: Hilary Quamme requests to have late boats for students involved in both volleyball and basketball for the remainder of 2025. John Carlson thanks Katie Kisner and Robin Russell for providing the Fridge Truck Revenue Report and points out that the fridge truck is making money. Robin Russell reports that Darlings Grocery will not be using the fridge truck starting this week.
- 5. Minutes -9/18/25: G. Carlson suggests adding "but potentially donating \$2000 annually" to #5. Motion to approve as amended by M. Collins, seconded by G. Carlson, all in favor, motion carried.
- 6. Chief Administrative Officer Report Katie Kisner: The Harbor Commission will have an additional Money Market account open as of tomorrow 10/7/25 to keep idle funds. MIFL LLC provided the following reports: 2024-2025 May- September Ridership, 2025 Late Boat Ridership, and 2025 Fridge Truck Usage. Cal Linehan states the painting project for the Madeline is on schedule. Motion by G. Carlson to put the CAO report on file, seconded by Mary Ross, all in favor, motion carried.
- 7. Harbor Assistance Program Project Updates: Cal Linehan states that the ramp portion of the HAP project is complete and payment is requested. Commissioners request further documentation for the change order requested by Janke General Contractors.
- 8. Discussion of Bayfield School District Late Boat Requests: G. Carlson recommends running October 22nd special boat. A consensus that the budget committee and schedule committee will further review solutions for future late boats for students.

- Motion by J. Wiltz to review contract with Bayfield School District before further discussing compensation, seconded by M. Collins, all in favor, motion carried.
- 9. Discussion of Disclosure of Representation: Motion by Z. Montagne to authorize the Harbor Commission's legal counsel to send notification of representation, seconded by G. Carlson.
- 10. Consider Addition of "Fridge Truck Rate" and "Free Ferry Day" to 2025 Tariffs: Motion by G. Carlson to defer adding a "fridge truck rate" until the 2026 tariffs and adding a "Free Ferry Day" to the 2025 tariffs, seconded by J. Wiltz, all in favor, motion carried.
- 11. Discussion of Harbor Commission Updates Presentation to Towns' People: Consensus to have a community briefing session within the first 2 weeks of December 2025. Will schedule as that time approaches.
- 12. Review Job Description(s) for Secretary and CAO Positions: Motion by Z. Montagne to table, seconded by M. Collins, all in favor, motion carried.
- 13. <u>Review Bayfield Harbor Commission Draft Letter:</u> Letter provided by Attorney Steve Bers was not as the Harbor Commission requested. The Harbor Commission instructs MIFL LLC notify Attorney Steve Bers not to proceed. Consensus that consideration of different legal counsel to assist with draft letter will be placed on the next agenda.
- 14. Approval of Bills: Motion by G. Carlson to approve bills in the amount of \$535,784.92 seconded by Z. Montagne, all in favor, motion carried.
- 15. Future Agenda Items: Review School Contract and Discuss Late Boat Requests, Review Job Description(s) for Secretary and CAO Positions, Consider legal counsel for draft letter to Bayfield Harbor Commission, Consider Approval of 2025 tariff updates.
- 16. Meeting Dates: Thursday October 23rd, 2025 @ 9am
- 17. Public Comment B**: Charlie Brummer thanks the Harbor Commission for having an evening meeting and requests that the briefing session in December be posted as soon as possible. John Carlson thanks the Harbor Commission for planning a listening session and states concerns about Island Emergency personnel not being offered the same ferry passage as special event emergency personnel.
- 18. Review of MIFL Management Contract : None

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.

19. Adjourn: Motion by Z. Montagne to adjourn, seconded by M. Collins, all in favor, meeting adjourned at 5:50pm.

Respectfully submitted by Katie Kisner, Interim Harbor Commission Secretary, Monday, October 6th, 2025.

Minutes approved as presented on Thursday, October 23rd, 2025, K.Kisner.