

**TOWN OF LA POINTE**  
**Board of Harbor Commissioners**  
**Thursday January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
**9am at Town Hall and Live via YouTube**  
**Approved Minutes**

**Commissioners Present:** Zach Montagne, Glenn Carlson, Jay Wiltz, Mary Ross, Susan Widmar(9:03am), Michael Collins (via Zoom), Evan Erickson Jr. (via Zoom)

**Staff Present:** Katie Kisner, Chief Administrative Officer and Interim Harbor Commission Secretary

**Public Present:** Robin Russell (via Zoom), Cal Linehan (via Zoom)

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\*: None
4. Minutes – 12/18/25: Motion by M. Collins to approve as presented, seconded by M.Ross, all in favor, motion carried.
5. Chief Administrative Officer Report – Katie Kisner: Review of the 2026 Cash Flow Summary. Consensus that the Harbor Commission will need to borrow funds by March 2026. There are a few different borrowing options. This will be added to the next meeting's agenda. Motion by Z. Montagne to put the CAO report on file, seconded by G. Carlson, all in favor, motion carried.
6. 2026 Ferry Schedule: Consensus to not add a scheduled 7am or 8am trip to the 2026 winter schedule starting in December. Motion by G. Carlson to approve the 2026 schedule as presented, seconded by Z. Montagne, all in favor, motion carried.
7. Discussion on Removal of Winter Surcharge: Motion by J. Wiltz to remove the winter surcharge from the current tariff, seconded by M. Collins, all in favor, motion carried.
8. Approval of Bills: Motion by Z. Montagne to approve bills in the amount of \$167,566.71, seconded by S. Widmar, all in favor, motion carried.
9. Future Agenda Items: Build Grant, Borrowing Funds Request.
10. Meeting Dates: Monday January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 4:30pm.
11. Public Comment B\*\*: Glenn Carlson presents that Ashland County has been awarded 6.2 million to repave and widen County Rd H. Jay Wiltz is glad to see the winter surcharge removed from the tariffs and that it's a good example of why the Town purchased the ferry to benefit the Town.

12. Review of MIFL Management Contract: Motion by E. Erickson Jr. to enter closed session, seconded by Z. Montagne, 7 ayes, motion carried. Meeting in closed session at 9:48am.

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.

Motion by G. Carlson to go back into open session, seconded by Z. Montagne, 7 ayes, motion carried. Meeting back in open session at 10:08am.

13. Adjourn: Motion by S. Widmar to adjourn, seconded by M. Collins, all in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:08am.

Respectfully submitted by Katie Kisner, Interim Harbor Commission Secretary, Thursday January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

Minutes approved as presented Monday January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026. K.Kisner.