

TOWN OF LA POINTE
Board of Harbor Commissioners
Thursday February 12th, 2026
9am at Town Hall and Live via YouTube
Approved Minutes

Commissioners Present: Zach Montagne, Glenn Carlson, Jay Wiltz, Susan Widmar, Michael Collins, Evan Erickson Jr, Mary Ross

Staff Present: Lauren Burtaux, Temporary Chief Administrative Officer and Harbor Commission Secretary, Richard Kula, Zoning Administrator

Public Present: Robin Russell (via Zoom), Cal Linehan (via Zoom), Evan Erickson Sr.

1. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 9:04am by Z. Montagne.
2. Roll Call: All members, staff and public present as listed above.
3. Public Comment A*: Z. Montagne congratulated Chief Administrative Officer, Katie Kisner and partner Jason on the birth of their daughter.
4. Minutes – 1/19/26: Motion by M. Collins to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by E. Erickson, M. Ross abstains, all in favor, motion carried.
5. Chief Administrative Officer Report – Lauren Burtaux: January revenue is \$141,649.66 which is 116% of the budgeted income. Motion by Z. Montagne to put the report on file, seconded by S. Widmar, all in favor, motion carries.
6. Build Grant Update: Grant process updates from Cal Linehan and Rich Kula: The grant will be submitted on 2/19/25. It does not require a monetary match; however, R. Kula suggests doing so as past grant winners have had a match within their application. Motion by S. Widmar to include a ~~40%~~ 20% match for the design ~~portion~~ grant and ~~20%~~ 10% match for the build/capital grant, seconded by Z. Montagne, all in favor, motion carried.
7. Consider Approval of \$450,000 Loan Request: The loan request has been approved by the Town Board. They have also changed the due date for the dock lease to the Town until July 2026.
8. Ice & Weather Update: C. Linehan informed the Commissioners the ferry shutdown may remain a couple more weeks. The temperatures will go up this upcoming week, but they should fall back down.
9. Approval of Bills: Motion by Z. Montagne to approve the bills in the amount of \$372,879.25, seconded by M. Collins, all in favor, motion carried.
10. Future Agenda Items: Build Grant Update. Dock Lease for Town, Budget Reports/Updates.
11. Meeting Dates: Build Grant Special meeting 2/17 at 9am. Regular Harbor Commission meeting 2/23 at 4:30pm.

12. Public Comment B**:
 - a. Evan Erickson Sr. says good job to everyone as there are a lot of moving parts.
 - b. Cal Linehan stated the fire training attended by the ferry captains is great for the community. Four more captains are now fire trained.
13. Review of MIFL Management Contract: Motion by G. Carlson to go into closed session, seconded by M. Ross, roll call vote, 7 ayes, motion carried. Meeting in closed session at 9:45am.
Motion by G. Carlson to come out of closed session, seconded by E. Erickson, all in favor, motion carried. Meeting in open session at 10:44am.
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.
14. Adjourn: Motion by M. Collins to adjourn the meeting, seconded by E. Erickson, all in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:44am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by L. Burtaux, temporary Harbor Commission Secretary,
Thursday February 12th, 2026.

Minutes approved with edits in italics on Tuesday, February 17th, 2026.