

TOWN OF LA POINTE
Board of Harbor Commissioners
THURSDAY September 14th, 2023
9:00 a.m. at Town Hall and via Zoom
Approved Minutes

Commissioners Present: Mike Anderson, Michael Collins, Michael Childers, Zach Montagne, Evan Erickson Jr., Pete Ross

Commissioners Absent: Carol Neubauer

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

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. Minutes 9/7/23: Motion by M. Anderson to approve minutes as presented, seconded by Z. Montagne, all in favor, Motion Carried.
5. Bayfield Harbor Commission Fees Discussion: Commissioner Erickson informed the other Commissioners that the Bayfield Harbor Commission has implemented a \$2/person fee for using the Bayfield City dock for all vessels that lease city dock space. E. Erickson plans to attend Bayfield Harbor Commission meetings to be informed.
6. 2024 Budget: The Harbor Commission needs to develop a budget for 2024. The HC has a tentative workshop on October 18th with the Town Board. M. Childers notified the commissioners that Dona Moore from the Department of Transportation has reached out to M. Kuchta for a RAISE grant debrief. They hope to set up a meeting next week.
7. General Next Steps: M. Childers met with Robin Trinko Russell and Gary Russell from Madeline Island Ferry Line to discuss how things will move forward. The Island Queen and the Nichevo II are getting their ~~hauls~~ hulls painted and sand blasted at the Fraiser Shipyard in Superior, WI. The operating agreement will need to continue to be worked on. Bonds and banking need to be put in motion.
8. Committees – Updates:
 - a. President: M. Childers has had some press interviews including WDIO, WPR, and Up North News.
 - b. Communications: The Town’s press release, now on the Town’s website, will be published in the Island Gazette. It has been sent to elected officials, along with the WI Costal Management, WI Harbor and Waterways, and the Federal Highway Administration

- c. Operating Agreement: P. Ross and M. Childers will hold a conversation to work through the details of the operating agreement.
 - d. Purchase Agreement: M. Childers plans to meet with C. Neubauer to discuss moving this forward.
9. Offers of Assistance – Updates: None.
 10. Approval of Bills: None.
 11. Future Agenda Items: Budget.
 12. Meeting Dates: Thursday, September 21st, at 9am.
 13. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn meeting by M. Collins, seconded by E. Erickson, all in favor, meeting adjourned at 9:31am.

Respectfully submitted by Lauren Burtaux, Harbor Commission Secretary.

Minutes approved as amended on Thursday, September 21st, 2023, L. Burtaux, Harbor Commission Secretary.