



# Fox Waterway Agency

## *Regular Meeting Minutes*

October 22, 2025

**Recording Secretary:** David W. McArdle

**1.0 Call to Order & Roll Call 7:00 p.m.**

Chairman Blake

**Meeting conducted by Chairman Blake**

**Present:** Chairman Wayne Blake, Directors Chuck Haling, Christine Stochl, Jason Hettermann, Dan Mitchell, and Alan P. Kirk

**Absent:** Director Christian Farrell

**FWA Also Present:** Agency Attorney David W. McArdle, Executive Director Joe Keller, Field Superintendent Rob Bowman, Advisory Committee Chairwoman Pat Smarto

**2.0 Pledge of Allegiance**

**3.0 Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION:** Director Haling made a motion to approve the September 24, 2025 regular and Special Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Stochl. A roll call vote was taken.

**Aye:** Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Mitchell, and Kirk

**Absent:** Director Farrell

**Abstain:** None

**Nay:** None

The Motion carried.

**4.0 Treasurer's Report & Acceptance of Bills & Other Financials**

**4.1 Treasurer's Report**

Director Mitchell provided the Treasurer's Report which reflects a cash balance of \$827,065.02 through 9/30/25.

**MOTION:** Director Mitchell made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken.

**Aye:** Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Mitchell, and Kirk

**Absent:** Director Farrell

**Nay:** None

The Motion carried.

<b>4.2</b>	<b>Approval of Bills</b> <p>Director Mitchell presented the monthly bills for payment and ratification of bills previously paid as follows: September bills prepaid total \$87,578.73; October bills prepaid total \$70,498.11; additional checks paid during the month total \$-0-; and bills remaining to be paid total \$77,120.02; for a total amount of bills paid and to be paid of \$235,196.86.</p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> Director Mitchell made a motion to ratify and pay all the outstanding bills including approval of debits and checks prepaid totaling \$235,196.86. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Mitchell, and Kirk  Absent: Director Farrell  Nay: None  The Motion carried.</p>
<b>4.3</b>	<b>A/R Report</b> <p>Director Mitchell reported on the accounts receivables as \$5,430.13, \$-0- of which is over 120 days past due.</p>
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Old Business</b>
<b>5.1</b>	<b>DCEO Pole Barn Update.</b> <p>The Executive Director informed the Board that projects moving along; the State raised issues regarding whether the contractor Carmichael is meeting minority contracting requirements (20%).</p>
<b>5.2</b>	<b>Trinski Island Update.</b> <p>Director Stochl informed the Board that the USACE requires more information from the FWA regarding proposed removal of the two ends of the island to determine the exact proposed impacted areas. The staff is to meet with FWA consultants this week to further investigate the matter.</p>
<b>6.0</b>	<b>New Business</b>
<b>6.1</b>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> Director Stochl made a motion to approve the proposed 2026 Board Meeting Schedule. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. After discussion, roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Mitchell, and Kirk  Absent: Director Farrell  Nay: None  The Motion carried.</p>
<b>6.2</b>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> Director Mitchell made a motion to approve the proposed 2026 FWA Holiday schedule. The motion was seconded by Director Kirk. After discussion, roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Mitchell, and Kirk  Absent: Director Farrell  Nay: None  The Motion carried.</p>

<b>6.3</b>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> Director Kirk made a motion to approve the proposed 2026 sticker identified as no. 5 logo with Blue BR and Black Logo (at the Chairman's suggestion, if the cost of a third color is too much, he suggested selecting white background). The motion was seconded by Director Stochl. After discussion, roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Mitchell, and Kirk</p> <p>Absent: Director Farrell</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p>
<b>6.4</b>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> Director Hettermann and the Board discussed IEPA's formal acceptance of the FWA Watershed Plan and recommended the proposed best management practices and shoreline protection measures/requirements for future projects.</p>
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Directors Reports</b>
<b>7.1</b>	<p><b>Executive Director:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff is looking to schedule meetings with local elected officials.</li> <li>• Noted that the Bauske agreement for services has been signed.</li> </ul>
<b>7.2</b>	<p><b>Advisory Committee Reports &amp; Recommendations</b></p> <p>Pat Smarto Chairwoman advised the Board as to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Various local governments will be adopting of the FWA watershed regulations.</li> <li>• Children's program discussed.</li> <li>• Four videos recently have recently been published including waterway drawdown which is now set for November 17, 2025.</li> <li>• Next advisory meeting is scheduled for November 5, 2025.</li> <li>• Presentation on water quality testing was presented.</li> </ul>
<b>7.3</b>	<p><b>Field Superintendent Report.</b></p> <p>Rob Bowman, reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All buoys have been removed and cleaning in progress.</li> <li>• Projects: Nippersink and the hydraulic dredging projects are ongoing but weather dependent.</li> <li>• Application for bridge permit at Ackerman has been submitted.</li> </ul>
<b>8.0</b>	<p><b>Directors and Chairman Reports-</b></p> <p><u>Chairman Blake:</u> Commented on water draw down.</p> <p><u>Remaining Directors:</u> No reports.</p>
<p><b>Public Comment:</b></p> <p><u>Dean Farr,</u> Crystal Lake – commented about RCCP.</p> <p><u>Justin Shields,</u> Petite Lake Park – received extension on 2025 grant.</p> <p><b>Adjourn:</b> At 8:07 p.m. the meeting was adjourned by the Chairman.</p>	

Approved: 11/19/25, 2025

Director Haling, Secretary

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