



# Fox Waterway Agency

## *Regular Meeting Minutes*

October 25, 2023

**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 Christian Farrell

**Absent:** Director Bill Hellyer

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

**2.0 Pledge of Allegiance**

**3.0 Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION:** Director Haling made a motion to approve the September 27, 2023 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Mitchell. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Mitchell and Farrell

Absent: Director Hellyer

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 \$1,770,339.04 through 9/30/23.

**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 Farrell

Absent: Director Hellyer

Nay: None

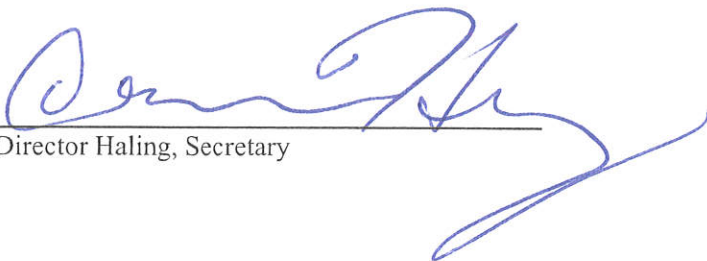
The Motion carried.

<b>4.2</b>	<p><b>Approval of Bills</b></p> <p>Director Mitchell presented the monthly bills for payment and ratification of bills previously paid as follows: September bills prepaid total \$39,211.23; October bills prepaid total \$112,991.20; additional checks paid during the month total \$-0-; and bills remaining to be paid total \$89,648.93; for a total amount of bills paid and to be paid of \$241,851.36.</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 all totaling \$241,851.36. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Mitchell and Farrell</p> <p>Absent: Director Hellyer</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p>
<b>4.3</b>	<p><b>A/R Report</b></p> <p>Director Mitchell reported on the accounts receivable as \$6,047.69, of which \$1,616.05 is 30-60 days overdue.</p>
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Old Business</b>
<b>5.1</b>	<p><b>DCEO Grant Update.</b></p> <p>Director Farrell reported no change from prior month. Looking forward to seeking bids for Spring work.</p>
<b>5.2</b>	<p><b>Wall Street and Soil Operation update.</b></p> <p>Director Haling informed the Board that soil sales approached \$140,000.</p>
<b>5.3</b>	<p><b>Watershed Plan progress.</b></p> <p>Director Hettermann informed the Board that Watershed plan is moving forward as planned; last program was well attended (small dredging projects – 40 attendees); FYI, payments to consultants are reimbursable from the State.</p>
<b>5.4</b>	<p><b>Trinski Island Update.</b></p> <p>Director Stochl informed the Board that DNR supports plan but soil reports showing wetland – for that reason, the USARC directed no “shaving off” island edges would be permitted. Staff will continue work on this issue.</p>
<b>6.0</b>	<b>New Business</b>
<b>6.1</b>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> Director Farrell made a motion, seconded by Director Haling, to acknowledge and distribute plaques to IDNR CPO’s Chris Winters, Jeff Kelley and Tom Davis for their dedication to law enforcement and safety on the Chain O’ Lakes and Fox River. A roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Mitchell and Farrell</p> <p>Absent: Director Hellyer</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p>

6.2	<p><b>MOTION:</b> Director Hettermann made a motion, seconded by Director Haling, to acknowledge and present plaques to Advisory Committee members Chairwoman Pat Smarto, Anne Basten and Rob Bryson. A roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Mitchell and Farrell</p> <p>Absent: Director Hellyer</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p>
6.3	<p><b>MOTION:</b> Director Haling made a motion, seconded by Director Farrell, to discuss and approve the proposed 2024 Board Meeting Schedule. A roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Mitchell and Farrell</p> <p>Absent: Director Hellyer</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p>
6.4	<p><b>MOTION:</b> Director Farrell made a motion, seconded by Director Haling, to discuss and approve 2024 FWA Holiday Schedule. A roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Mitchell and Farrell</p> <p>Absent: Director Hellyer</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p>
6.5	<p><b>MOTION:</b> Director Stochl made a motion, seconded by Director Haling, to approve a yellow 2024 FWA Sticker Color. Comments on design from Director Hetterman were noted and he will be involved in the design next year. A roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Mitchell and Farrell</p> <p>Absent: Director Hellyer</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p>
6.6	<p><b>MOTION:</b> After discussion, the Chairman ordered that the proposed amendment to the Commercial Sticker Ordinance regulations be tabled until the next meeting.</p>
6.7	<p><b>MOTION:</b> Director Hettermann made a motion, seconded by Director Haling, to approve Spring Grove Alarm proposal to install a fire alarm system not to exceed \$15,500.00. A roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Mitchell and Farrell</p> <p>Absent: Director Hellyer</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p>

6.8	<p><b>MOTION:</b> The Board discussed a request by the not-for-profit corporation <i>Friends of Catherine and Channel Lakes</i> (“Grantee”) for financial assistance to secure a ten (10) year State grant to finance installation and maintenance of an aeration system. After much discussion, Director Haling made a motion, seconded by Director Mitchell, to approve the request as follows: i) authorize the Agency to make a onetime payment in the sum of \$43,684 to the Grantee conditioned upon the approval of the grant application; and ii) secure maintenance of the aeration system installed, from years 2-10 of the approved grant, in an estimated annual sum of \$10,450, payable upon the default by the Grantee on its maintenance obligations under the approved grant and upon transfer of title or other real estate access rights (e.g., easements, licenses, etc.) and possession to all real estate, buildings and aeration maintenance equipment from the Grantee to the Agency. A roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Mitchell and Farrell</p> <p>Absent: Director Hellyer</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p>
7.0	<b>Directors Reports</b>
7.1	<p><b>Executive Director:</b></p> <p>Executive Director Keller, reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IDNR law enforcement thanked FWA for CPO coordination and cooperation.</li> <li>• Appreciated watershed program.</li> </ul>
7.2	<p><b>Advisory Committee Reports &amp; Recommendations</b></p> <p>Pat Smarto, Chairwoman, reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Small dredging projects meeting on 10/19/23 went well;</li> <li>• 11/2/23 Advisory meeting;</li> <li>• Septic meeting next on agenda 11/9/23; 7:00 p.m.</li> </ul>
7.3	<p><b>Field Superintendent Report.</b></p> <p>Rob Bowman, reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• November 1 – draw down of waterway scheduled;</li> <li>• Hydraulic dredge out of water for season;</li> <li>• Buoys being removed;</li> <li>• Mechanical dredge projects ongoing;</li> <li>• Dirt sales continuing depending on weather.</li> </ul>
8.0	<b>Director and Chairman Reports--None</b>
	<p><b>Public Comments &amp; Presentations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mike McEvoy, Johnsburg; complained about noise of boats on river.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Adjournment</b> – Chairman Blake made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Stochl at 8:40 p.m.; all voted Aye.</p>

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_, 2023



Director Haling, Secretary