



**Fox Waterway Agency**  
***Regular Meeting Minutes***  
**November 15, 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, Bill Hellyer, Dan Mitchell and Christian Farrell

**Absent:**

**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 October 25, 2023 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Farrell. A roll call vote was taken.

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

**Absent:** None

**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 \$1,640,470.41 through 10/31/23.

**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, Hellyer, Mitchell and Farrell

**Absent:** None

**Nay:** None

The Motion carried.

**4.2 Approval of Bills**

Director Mitchell presented the monthly bills for payment and ratification of bills previously paid as follows: October bills prepaid total \$21,976.53; November bills prepaid total \$58,123.87; additional checks paid during the month total \$3,658.00; and bills remaining to be paid total \$53,598.40; for a total amount of bills paid and to be paid of \$137,356.80.

**MOTION:** Director Mitchell made a motion to ratify and pay all the outstanding bills including approval of debits and checks prepaid all totaling \$137,356.80. The motion was seconded by Director Stochl. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent: None

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

**4.3 A/R Report**

Director Mitchell reported on the accounts receivable as \$15,201.05, of which \$4,326.05 is 30-60 days overdue.

**5.0 Old Business**

**5.1 DCEO Grant Update.**

Director Farrell informed the Board that

- 12/5/23 deadline for bids to be received for buildings construction.
- Board discussed self-performing general construction through Joe Keller to reduce cost.

**5.2 Wall Street and Soil Operation update.**

Director Haling informed the Board that total sales approximately \$150,000 for the year.

**5.3 Watershed Plan progress.**

Director Hettermann informed the Board that

- The meeting on septic systems and their effects was completed, with 20-30 attendees.
- Goals/objectives being reviewed for grant compliance.
- Plan progress good so far.

**5.4 Trinski Island Update**

Director Stochl informed the Board that revised plan being submitted to Corps next month.

**6.0 New Business**

**6.1 MOTION:** Director Hettermann made a motion, seconded by Director Haling, to approve 2024 Advisory Committee meeting schedule. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent: None

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

<p><b>6.2 MOTION:</b> Director Mitchell made a motion, seconded by Director Farrell, to discuss and approve amending the Commercial Sticker Ordinance. A roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Hellyer, Mitchell and Farrell</p> <p>Absent: None</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p>
<p><b>6.3 MOTION:</b> Director Hellyer made a motion, seconded by Director Haling, to renew the FWA Health Insurance/employee benefit package for 2024. A roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Hellyer, Mitchell and Farrell</p> <p>Absent: None</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p>
<p><b>7.0 Directors Reports</b></p>
<p><b>7.1 Executive Director:</b></p> <p>Executive Director Keller, reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting with Forest Preserve personnel who are asking for \$10,000 grant.</li> <li>• Thanked Board for support and thanked staff for all hard work performed this year.</li> </ul>
<p><b>7.2 Advisory Committee Reports &amp; Recommendations</b></p> <p>Pat Smarto, Chairwoman, reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Watershed program going well.</li> <li>• Providing detail to consultant to finalize plan by end of year.</li> </ul>
<p><b>7.3 Field Superintendent Report.</b></p> <p>Rob Bowman, reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Time spent on site prep for building at L-10 site; old stockpiles removed.</li> <li>• Nippersink Creek still being worked.</li> <li>• Dirt still being sold off Wall Street site.</li> </ul>
<p><b>8.0 No Director or Chairman Reports and no public comments</b></p>
<p><b>Adjournment</b> – Director Hellyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Haling at 8:00 p.m.; all voted Aye.</p>

Approved: 12/13, 2023

Director Haling, Secretary

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