



Fox Waterway Agency

Regular Meeting Minutes

December 10, 2025

Recording Secretary: David W. McArdle

1.0 Call to Order & Roll Call 7 p.m. Chairman Blake

Meeting conducted by Chairman Blake

Present: Chairman Wayne Blake, Directors Chuck Haling, Christine Stochl, Jason Hettermann (by phone), Dan Mitchell, and Christian Farrell

Absent: Director Alan P. Kirk and Executive Director Joe Keller

FWA Also Present: Agency Attorney David W. McArdle, 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 November 19, 2025 regular Meeting Minutes, one edit was made. The motion was seconded by Director Farrell. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent: Director Kirk

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 \$395,900.68 through 11/30/25.

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 Farrell

Absent: Director Kirk

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: November bills prepaid total \$86,573.62; December bills prepaid total \$27,063.55; additional checks paid during the month total \$12,139.94; and bills remaining to be paid total \$29,316.50; for a total amount of bills paid and to be paid of \$155,093.61.

MOTION: Director Mitchell made a motion to ratify and pay all the outstanding bills including approval of debits and checks prepaid totaling \$155,093.61. The motion was seconded by Director Stochl. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent: Director Kirk

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

4.3 A/R Report

Director Mitchell reported on the accounts receivables as \$18,280.00, \$-0- of which is over 120 days past due.

5.0 Old Business**5.1 DCEO Pole Barn Update.**

Director Farrell informed the Board that:

- Contractors working on DBE compliance;
- Status is approximately 14%, still short;
- Considering request for waiver of compliance.

5.2 Trinski Island Update.

Brian from Baxter & Woodman provided presentation on the status of USACE permit application.

6.0 New Business**6.1 MOTION:** Director Mitchell made a motion to approve engagement email for 2025 audit from Eccezion subject to review and approval by the Executive Director of a written contract to provide services over three years as follows: Audit years 2025-\$19,000; 2026-\$20,000 and 2027--\$21,000. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. After discussion, roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent: Director Kirk

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

6.2 MOTION: Director Stochl made to approve the draft agreement provided by Baxter & Woodman for Trinski's Island final engineering plan, subject to Executive Director approval of final contract, terms and conditions not to exceed \$60,800. The motion was seconded by Director Farrell. After discussion, roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent: None

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

6.3	MOTION: The Agency attorney discussed the need for updates to the FWA Code of Ordinances relating to commercial stickers and the current Commercial Business Agreement. The matter was tabled until a draft of amendments can be presented to the Board.
6.4	MOTION: Director Hettermann made a motion to support further investigation and possible creation of a separate not-for-profit 501 c3 legal entity to financially shore up accomplishing the purposes for which the Agency exists. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. After discussion, roll call vote was taken. Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Mitchell, and Farrell Absent: Director Kirk Nay: None The Motion carried.

7. Directors Reports

7.1 Executive Director:

Report read by Rob Bowman.

7.2 Advisory Committee Reports & Recommendations

Pat Smarto, Chairman, advised the Board that the Advisory members continue attending local government meetings for watershed plan adoption.

7.3 Field Superintendent Report.

Rob Bowman, reported that: Staff is beginning to take accumulated time off – end of year; Ackerman bridge area is being worked, including haul road to empty cell; Orchard Heights project is being worked on and projected to be completed by the end of winter.

8.0 Directors and Chairman Reports-None

Public Comment: Representative from Petite Lake Park reported that his group has a \$46,000 grant approved for their project.

10.0 Adjourn: There being no further business before the Board, at 8:07 p.m. the meeting was adjourned by the Chairman.

Approved: 12/18/2025, 2025

Director Haling, Secretary