



Fox Waterway Agency
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2024

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: None

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

2.0 Pledge of Allegiance

3.0 Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Director Haling made a motion to approve the November 20, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Farrell. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Directors Stochl, Hettermann, Mitchell and Farrell

Absent: None

Abstain: Director Haling

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 \$1,377,291.54 through 11/30/24.

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: November bills prepaid total \$65,480.31; December bills prepaid total \$26,487.29; additional checks paid during the month total \$-0-; and bills remaining to be paid total \$17,102.68; for a total amount of bills paid and to be paid of \$109,070.28.

MOTION: Director Mitchell made a motion to ratify and pay all the outstanding bills including approval of debits and checks prepaid totaling \$109,070.28. 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 \$5,816.69, of which \$-0- is 120 days overdue.

5.0 Old Business

5.1 DCEO Pole Barn Update.

Director Farrell informed the Board that Agency still waiting for County permits; Board members expressed their frustration on the delay.

5.2 Trinski Island Update

Director Stochl informed the Board that the public notice is going out after New Years; funds are in place.

6.0 New Business

6.1 MOTION: Director Mitchell made a motion to approve Dam, Snell & Taveirne, Ltd., 2024 engagement letter for the audit, not to exceed \$13,395.00 The motion was seconded by Director Haling. After discussion, roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent: None

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

6.2 MOTION: Director Hellyer made a motion to approve the proposed 2025 lease renewal with Smokehouse Dispensary. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. After discussion, roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent: None

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

7.0 Directors Reports

7.1 Executive Director: None

7.2 Advisory Committee Reports & Recommendations

Pat Smarto, Chairperson:

- Explained about bird strikes against glass;
- Five videos worked up by Field Superintendent regarding watershed;
- YouTube – 135 subscribers; and
- Discussion regarding floodways and flood zone.

7.3 Field Superintendent Report.

Rob Bowman, reported:

- Prior authorization for truck purchase not needed – truck sold to another purchaser.
- Limited staff until end of year due to holiday; and
- Discussed subcontracting work.

8.0 Directors and Chairman Reports

Chairman Blake: None.

Director Haling: Called Engineer responsible for raising and lowering water.

Remaining Directors: None.

Public Comment:

Resident questioned procedure Agency uses to schedule dredging projects.

9.0 Executive Session

MOTION: Director Hellyer made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss real estate purchase. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent: None

Nay: None

The Motion carried at 7:45 p.m.

9.0 At 8:15 p.m. the Board members returned to open session, roll call taken, directors present: Chairman Blake and Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Hellyer, Mitchell and Farrell.

10.0 Motion by Director Hellyer, second by Director Haling to ratify the funding of the purchase of the Bauske Marina property and authorize the Chairman and Executive Director to sign all necessary documents to close on the purchase of the Bauske real estate purchase contract subject to discussion with the environmental consultant and State approval of the environmental condition; appraisal value of the Property and satisfaction of all grant conditions. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent: None

Nay: None

The Motion carried at 8:15 p.m.

Chairman Blake declared the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Approved: 1/22/24, 2024

Director Haling, Secretary

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