



Fox Waterway Agency

Regular Meeting Minutes

December 13, 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, and Dan Mitchell

Absent: Director Christian Farrell

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 November 15, 2023 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Hellyer. A roll call vote was taken.

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

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 \$1,441,936.61 through 11/30/23.

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, Hellyer, and Mitchell

Absent: Director Farrell

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

4.2	Approval of Bills <p>Director Mitchell presented the monthly bills for payment and ratification of bills previously paid as follows: November bills prepaid total \$80,990.62; December bills prepaid total \$35,881.37; additional checks paid during the month total \$643.19; and bills remaining to be paid total \$102,634.99; for a total amount of bills paid and to be paid of \$220,150.17.</p> <p>MOTION: Director Mitchell made a motion to ratify and pay all the outstanding bills including approval of debits and checks prepaid all totaling \$220,150.17. The motion was seconded by Director Hellyer. A roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Hellyer, and Mitchell</p> <p>Absent: Director Farrell</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p>
4.3	A/R Report <p>Director Mitchell reported on the accounts receivable as \$3,426.05, of which \$111.05 is 120 days overdue.</p>
5.0	Old Business
5.1	DCEO Grant Update. <p>No report by Director Farrell (see below).</p>
5.2	Soil Operation update. <p>Director Haling informed the Board that due to time of year, material sales dwindled to shut down.</p>
5.3	Watershed Plan progress. <p>Director Hettermann deferred to Pat Smarto (see below).</p>
5.4	Trinski Island Update <p>Director Stochl informed the Board that plans are scheduled for submission to Army Corps in one week.</p>
6.0	New Business
6.1	<p>MOTION: Director Hettermann made a motion, seconded by Director Haling, to approve Dave Corrigan as the new Vice Chair for the Advisory Committee. A roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Hellyer, and Mitchell</p> <p>Absent: Director Farrell</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p>
6.2	<p>MOTION: Director Hettermann made a motion, seconded by Director Mitchell, to approve Greg Urban as a new member of the Advisory Committee. A roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Hellyer, and Mitchell</p> <p>Absent: Director Farrell</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p>

6.3	<p>MOTION: Director Haling made a motion, seconded by Director Hellyer, to approve Westside Tractor for repair to the 750 John Deere Dozer not to exceed \$13,000. A roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Hellyer, and Mitchell</p> <p>Absent: Director Farrell</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p>
6.4	<p>MOTION: Director Haling made a motion, seconded by Director Hellyer, to approve engine rebuild for DSC Dredge for Altorfer Caterpillar NTE \$53,000. A roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Hellyer, and Mitchell</p> <p>Absent: Director Farrell</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p>
6.5	<p>MOTION: Director Mitchell made a motion, seconded by Director Haling, to approve Dam, Snell & Taveirne, Ltd., 2023 engagement letter for the audit NTE \$11,650. A roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Hellyer, and Mitchell</p> <p>Absent: Director Farrell</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p>
6.6	<p>MOTION: Director Hellyer made a motion, seconded by Director Haling, to discuss FWA slips and lot lease arrangement with Stephen Leggee Group. A roll call vote was taken. After discussion, the Chairman tabled the matter.</p>
6.7	<p>MOTION: The Board discussed the bids received relative to the proposed construction of two pole barn buildings at L-10 and Wall Street. All bids received exceeded the Grant received by the State. Based on that, and the options received by the City Engineer by e-mail on December 13, 2023, Director Haling made a motion, seconded by Director Mitchell, to reject all bids and re-bid the project.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Hellyer, and Mitchell</p> <p>Absent: Director Farrell</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p>
7.0	Directors Reports
7.1	<p>Executive Director:</p> <p>Executive Director Keller, reported: None (Merry Christmas)</p>
7.2	<p>Advisory Committee Reports & Recommendations</p> <p>Pat Smarto, Chairwoman, reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2024 focus – more volunteers; start monitoring program (water quality); continue education programs. • Next meeting is scheduled for February.

7.3	Field Superintendent Report. Rob Bowman, reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nippersink Creek--dredging halted due to mechanical failure of equipment. • L-10 site cleanup and site preparation are being done. • Agency boats are out of water. • Cooper site—maintenance only; inspection expected later in December. • Orchard Heights--roads still being removed.
8.0	Director Reports
8.1	<u>Director Haling</u> – None. <u>Director Hellyer</u> – Noted that Agency finances are in better shape than, say, 10 years ago. <u>Director Stochl</u> – None – thanked staff. <u>Director Hettermann</u> – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanked staff (Joe/John) for community outreach to Johnsburg. • Noted that Agency might want to investigate weed removal boats for channel use. <u>Director Mitchell</u> – Reported on sticker sales for 2023; similar sales to 2022. <u>Director Farrell</u> – None/Absent.
8.2	<u>Chairman</u> – None.
Public Comments & Presentations:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Randy Byers from California Ice & Coal subdivision – thanked Agency. 	
Adjournment –Chairman Blake made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Haling at 8:30 p.m.; all voted Aye.	

Approved: _____

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Director Haling, Secretary

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