



# Fox Waterway Agency

## *Regular Meeting Minutes*

January 22, 2025

**Recording Secretary:** Brandy S. Quance

**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, Bill Hellyer, Dan Mitchell and Christian Farrell

**Absent:** Director Jason Hettermann

**FWA Also Present:** Agency Attorney Brandy S. Quance, Executive Director Joe Keller, Field Superintendent Rob Bowman, Advisory Committee Member Rob Bryson

**2.0 Pledge of Allegiance**

**3.0 Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION:** Director Haling made a motion to approve the December 11, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Farrell. A roll call vote was taken.

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

**Absent:** Director Hettermann

**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 \$1,205,454.45 through 12/31/24.

**MOTION:** Director Mitchell made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Stochl. A roll call vote was taken.

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

**Absent:** Director Hettermann

**Nay:** None

The Motion carried.

<b>4.2</b>	<b>Approval of Bills</b> <p>Director Mitchell presented the monthly bills for payment and ratification of bills previously paid as follows: December bills prepaid total \$139,147.78; January bills prepaid total \$55,096.53; additional checks paid during the month total \$17,753.38; and bills remaining to be paid total \$111,567.20; for a total amount of bills paid and to be paid of \$323,564.89.</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 totaling \$323,564.89. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hellyer, Mitchell and Farrell  Absent: Director Hettermann  Nay: None  The Motion carried.</p>
<b>4.3</b>	<b>A/R Report</b> <p>Director Mitchell reported that there were no accounts receivables.</p>
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Old Business</b>
<b>5.1</b>	<b>DCEO Pole Barn Update.</b> <p>Director Farrell informed the Board that things are moving forward; corners are staked; working on bids.</p> <p>Executive Director is working on money from State for berms and drainage, which may require change in bid process.</p>
<b>5.2</b>	<b>Trinski Island Update</b> <p>Director Stochl informed the Board that Mike Hahaulerk/Aaron Spencer want to move forward on project in 2025. Executive Director Keller informed them they can take the money away, jeopardizing funding.</p>
<b>6.0</b>	<b>New Business</b>
<b>6.1</b>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> Director Farrell brought forward the review of the 2024 dredging projects and Dredging Policy. Executive Director Keller stated suggested revisions to the policy are to be at the next meeting. Field Superintendent Bowman reported on the projects.</p> <p>No motion; just discussion.</p>
<b>6.2</b>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> Director Mitchell made a motion to approve the 2025 FWA preliminary budget in compliance with the Illinois Municipal Budget Act with authority to Executive Director to balance the budget. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. After discussion, roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hellyer, Mitchell and Farrell  Absent: Director Hettermann  Nay: None  The Motion carried.</p>
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Directors Reports</b>
<b>7.1</b>	<b>Executive Director:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working on credit card payment process.</li> <li>• Initial closing on Bauske in a couple weeks. Already taking to State on second part of closing.</li> </ul>

## 7.2 Advisory Committee Reports & Recommendations

Rob Bryson, Committee Member:

- Two videos have been put out on the watershed plan.
- Met with DNR about weed management policy and can policy impact water quality.
- Worked on webpage updates and directing people back to resources.
- Petit got stormwater funding for their project of Rt. 59 runoff.
- Participating in conference in March.

## 7.3 Field Superintendent Report.

Rob Bowman, reported:

- Working in Cooper and the materials hydraulically placed there.
- Mechanic working on trailer and boats coming through.
- Barge in Lake Marie cutting ice causing problems with ice fishermen. IDNR law enforcement was called but there is no action for them to take. It was questioned whether he had his commercial stickers.

## 8.0 Directors and Chairman Reports

Chairman Blake: None.

Director Haling: None.

Director Hellyer: None.

Director Stochl: Asked about piers in bad shape.

Director Hettermann: Absent.

Director Mitchell: Director Hettermann asked him to share. Pistakee Yacht club contacted him about bubblers to protect piers and people have fallen through. We (FWA) may not want to get involved. Also asked about a booth this year.

Director Farrell: None.

## Public Comment:

1. Sent email about his channel and wants to be added to the list.
2. Significant dispute between Pistakee Yacht Club and Johnsburg – tourism is one of duties.

## 9.0 MOTION: At 8:13 p.m., Director Hellyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Mitchell. Roll call was taken.

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

Absent: Director Hettermann

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

Approved: 1/22/, 2024

  
Director Haling, Secretary

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