



Fox Waterway Agency

Regular Meeting Minutes

January 24, 2024

Recording Secretary: Brandy S. Quance

1.0 Call to Order & Roll Call 7:02 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 Brandy S. Quance, Executive Director Joe Keller, Field Superintendent Rob Bowman

2.0 Pledge of Allegiance

3.0 Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Director Haling made a motion to approve the December 13, 2023 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Mitchell. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent: None

Abstain: Director Farrell

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 \$1,188,829.42 through 12/31/23.

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

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

Absent: None

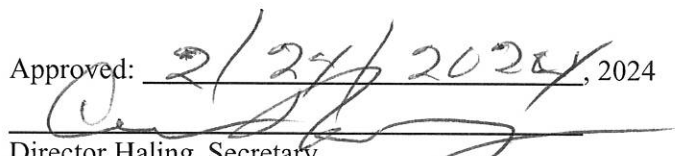
Nay: None

The Motion carried.

4.2	Approval of Bills <p>Director Mitchell presented the monthly bills for payment and ratification of bills previously paid as follows: December bills prepaid total \$100,069.00; January bills prepaid total \$81,700.96; additional checks paid during the month total \$29,864.09; and bills remaining to be paid total \$108,025.67; for a total amount of bills paid and to be paid of \$319,659.72.</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 \$319,659.72. The motion was seconded by Director Farrell. 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>
4.3	A/R Report <p>Director Mitchell reported on the accounts receivable as \$1,836.05, of which \$150 is 60 days overdue.</p>
5.0	Old Business
5.1	DCEO Grant Update. <p>Director Farrell informed the Board that the DCEO grant is in a holding pattern. Next week they hope to go out to bid again.</p>
5.2	Watershed Plan progress. <p>Director Hettermann informed the Board that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Directors received the Watershed Plan and an abbreviated version of the Watershed Plan and asked that the Directors review it. A full report will be given tonight by Ann Basten. The FWA should be able to use the Plan for additional funding to help with the cost of dredging, which is astronomical. • Keller also added the 2nd week of March will be another meeting after the IEPA reviews the Plan.
5.3	Trinski Island Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director Stochl informed the Board that FWA is waiting on the Army Corps for public comment and wetland mitigation costs. A team was put together to gather all the calls and comments. • Director Hettermann questioned why the acreage has decreased over the years; because at some point need to consider using the money elsewhere. • Chairman Blake added history related to the Corps.
6.0	New Business
6.1	<p>MOTION: Director Farrell made a motion, seconded by Director Mitchell, to discuss and approve waived fees on 50 One-Day Class J stickers for each ICASSTT, LLC Fox/Chain Tournaments on April 21, 2024 and October 6, 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>

6.2	<p>MOTION: Director Stochl made a motion, seconded by Director Haling, to approve Palmer Johnson repair estimate for the Barricuda Dredge NTE \$17,500. 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>
6.3	<p>MOTION: Director Hettermann made a motion, seconded by Director Haling, to approve Westside Tractor engine replacement on the 270 Excavator NTE \$34,088.62. 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>
6.4	<p>MOTION: Director Hellyer made a motion, seconded by Director Farrell, to discuss and grant authority to Joe Keller to negotiate with FWA slips and lot lease arrangement with Smokehouse Holdings LLC. 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>
6.5	<p>MOTION: Director Mitchell made a motion, seconded by Director Haling, to approve 2024 FWA preliminary budget in compliance with the Illinois Municipal Budget Act. 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>
7.0	Directors Reports
7.1	<p>Executive Director:</p> <p>Executive Director Keller, reported that he last followed up with the State on the pole barns and was trying to make the plan more simple so it could go out to bid. He is hoping to have numbers by February.</p>
7.2	<p>Advisory Committee Reports & Recommendations</p> <p><u>Dave Corrigan</u> reported there is a meeting a week from Thursday re Lake County Boat Show and September clean up.</p> <p><u>Ann Basten</u> reported on the Watershed Plan. Draft report was released on Monday. For review at the IEPA and some changes expected on the grant numbers. Critical areas will cost \$89 million in expenses. Does not take into account anything coming from Wisconsin.</p>
7.3	<p>Field Superintendent Report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rob Bowman, reported that they had started emptying the west cell of Cooper to Wall Street for the drying process. • Snow removal. • Resumes for mechanic position received and need to be reviewed.

8.0	Director Reports
8.1	<u>Director Haling</u> – None. <u>Director Hellyer</u> – None. <u>Director Stochl</u> – None. <u>Director Hettermann</u> – None. <u>Director Mitchell</u> – Stay off ice on river. River is wide open. <u>Director Farrell</u> – Asked if the Friends of Catherine had received the grant; looking into it.
8.2	<u>Chairman</u> – None.
Adjournment –Chairman Blake made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Hellyer at 8:10 p.m.; all voted Aye.	

Approved: 2/27/2024, 2024

 Director Haling, Secretary
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