



Fox Waterway Agency

Regular Meeting Minutes

May 23, 2018

Recording Secretary: Danielle Hartig

1.0. Call to Order & Roll Call 7:01 p.m.

Chairman Blake

Present: Directors Chris Allen, Chuck Haling, Bill Hellyer, James Meyer, Dan Mitchell, Christine Stochl, and Chairman Wayne Blake

FWA Also Present: Agency Attorney David McArdle, Executive Director Joe Keller, Field Superintendent Rob Bowman, Advisory Committee Randy Sweet

2.0. Pledge of Allegiance

3.0. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Director Haling made a motion to approve the Minutes from the April 25, 2018 Regular Meeting, Committee of the Whole Meeting, and Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Director Hellyer. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Directors Allen, Hellyer, Mitchell and Stochl

Abstain: Directors Haling, Meyer

The Motion carried.

4.0. Treasurer's Report & Acceptance of Bills & Other Financials

4.1 Approval of Treasurer's Report

Director Meyer provided the Treasurer's Report. He stated there was \$541,369.73 in cash on hand. April sticker sales totaled \$194,160.00. At the end of April, there existed five accounts receivable.

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

Aye: Directors Allen, Haling, Hellyer, Meyer, Mitchell and Stochl

The Motion carried.

4.2 Approval of Bills

Director Meyer presented the bills for payment totaling \$113,718.02.

MOTION: Director Meyer made a motion to pay the bills. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Directors Allen, Haling, Hellyer, Meyer, Mitchell and Stochl

The Motion carried.

5.0	Old Business
5.1	<p>DISCUSSION: Director Stochl discussed the Trinski Island Project. The Army Corps is reviewing the FWA responses and will provide feedback on any changes needed.</p>
5.2	<p>DISCUSSION: Director Allen updated the Board on the remaining FEMA/Grant reimbursables for the new office. The paperwork is still with IEMA being reviewed; more detailed was provided by the FWA.</p>
6.0	New Business
6.1	<p>MOTION: Director Mitchell made a motion to approve a WRP for the Damyak Challenge on June 21, 2018. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken. Aye: Directors Allen, Haling, Hellyer, Meyer, Mitchell and Stochl The Motion carried.</p>
6.2	<p>MOTION: Director Haling made a motion to approve a WRP for the Pistakee Bay Fireworks on July 7, 2018. The motion was seconded by Director Mitchell. A roll call vote was taken. Aye: Directors Allen, Haling, Hellyer, Meyer, Mitchell and Stochl The Motion carried.</p>
6.3	<p>MOTION: Director Stochl made a motion to approve a WRP for the Village of Fox Lake Triathlon on June 3, 2018. The motion was seconded by Director Mitchell. A roll call vote was taken. Aye: Directors Allen, Haling, Hellyer, Meyer, Mitchell and Stochl The Motion carried.</p>
6.4	<p>MOTION: Director Stochl made a motion to approve a WRP for the Celebrate Fox Lake event on June 30, 2018. The motion was seconded by Director Mitchell. A roll call vote was taken. Aye: Directors Allen, Haling, Hellyer, Meyer, Mitchell and Stochl The Motion carried.</p>
6.5	<p>MOTION: Director Meyer made a motion to table the proposed Resolution relating to Executive Session meeting minutes and recordings. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken. Aye: Directors Allen, Haling, Hellyer, Meyer, Mitchell and Stochl The Motion carried.</p>

6.6

MOTION: Director Allen made a motion to discuss, with possible action, the Boone Creek project. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A lengthy discussion took place about the project requirements, timeframes, etc. Director Meyer emphasized the Agency's mission to provide for waterway recreation, meaning clearing of navigational channels as a priority, so boat traffic can occur. Special emphasis was on main navigational mouths that are currently problems. The Board will continue working with the City of McHenry to come to a consensus regarding the project, no action was taken.

7.0 Reports

7.1 Executive Director

Executive Director Keller informed the Board that the legislation in Springfield regarding the Agency headquarters ownership and property ownership will move forward.

7.2 Advisory Committee Reports & Recommendations

Randy Sweet advised the Board:

- The cleanup went smooth; there was lots of large debris.
- The next meeting is July 10th; normally the Tour Day – location TBD.

7.3 Field Superintendent

Field Superintendent Rob Bowman informed the Board:

- The cleanup was successful; a "thank you" is being drafted to send to the volunteers & sponsors.
- High water event has kept the team busy – the lakes are 6" above open status, the lower river is 16-17" above, and the river is 7".
- The Agency has been bombarded with debris calls – they ask that customers submit these online.
- There is a full-time buoy crew out right now in hopes the water levels will subside and normal boating can start.
- Requested a team of 1-2 Directors that could give direction and decision-making authority on dredging projects.

8.0 Board Comments

8.1 Directors

- **Haling:** Wondered if there was a no-wake on the entire system
- **Allen:** Asked that the Agency use a "fudge factor" on the water levels and open boating if close enough to open status.
- **Meyer:** Urged the Board to focus on their mission and what they are here to do.

9.0 Public Comments and presentations

- **Bob Thompson (Livington/Governor's Channel):** Commented on his disappointment to hear that the project has been put on hold. Encouraged the Board to find a way to make the project happen, and volunteered to act as a supporter for the Trinski Island Project (the site where the material needs to be taken to).
- **Jim Cistaro (Jackson Dr.):** Wondered what the status of the Thelen project was; wondered if Trinski's Island can be a permanent dewatering solution.

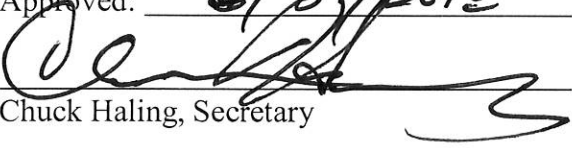
11.0 Adjournment

MOTION: Director Hellyer made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A voice vote was taken. All voted aye.

The Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at **9:22 p.m.**

Approved: , 2018


Chuck Haling, Secretary