



Fox Waterway Agency
Committee of The Whole
March 27, 2019

Recording Secretary: Danielle Hartig

1.0 Call to Order & Roll Call 5:32 p.m.

Chairman Blake

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

FWA Also Present: Executive Director Joe Keller, Field Superintendent Rob Bowman, Advisory Board Randy Sweet

3.0 Discussion

Watershed Based Plan:

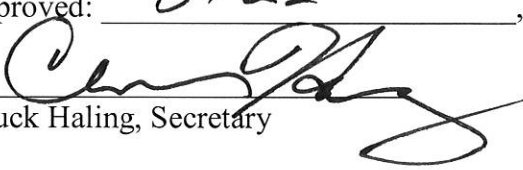
Randy Sweet presented the proposed Watershed Based Plan to the Board. This plan would be approved by the EPA to facilitate access to 319 funding and bring entities together for a common goal of water quality. Mr. Sweet presented two options to pay for the plan (estimated to cost \$10,000 up front; \$250,000 to create the plan, which would be paid partially by grant and partially by in-kind funding and other entities). Various questions were presented by the Board and fielded by Mr. Sweet.

4.0 Public Comment

Jody Thelen (Port Barrington): Commented that she recently attended the Fox River Summit and was blown away at what Wisconsin is doing to help with runoff issues.

The meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Approved: 5/22, 2019


Chuck Haling, Secretary



Fox Waterway Agency

Regular Meeting Minutes

March 27, 2019

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, Jim 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 February 27, 2019 Board meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Hellyer. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Directors Allen, Haling, Hellyer, Meyer, Mitchell and Stochl
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 which reflects a cash balance of \$1,213,738.20. February sticker sales totaled \$193,725. There were no accounts receivable at the end of February.

MOTION: Director Meyer made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. 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 unpaid bills for payment totaling \$100,266.32. Checks already paid in February, for ratification, totaled \$56,860.39, and March direct debits total \$56,576.86; grand total of bills to be approved for payment and ratified is \$213,703.57.

MOTION: Director Meyer made a motion to approve payment of all the bills totaling \$213,703.57. 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	DISCUSSION: Director Stochl noted that there was no update on the Trinski Island Project.
5.2	DISCUSSION: Director Allen noted that there was no update on the remaining FEMA/Grant reimbursables for the new office.
6.0	New Business
6.1	<p>MOTION: Director Mitchell made a motion to discuss and approve hiring a watershed planning consultant and developing a watershed based plan, not-to-exceed \$10,000 for 2019. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Allen, Haling, Hellyer, Meyer, Mitchell and Stochl</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p>
6.2	<p>MOTION: Director Haling made a motion to approve 50 one-day boat stickers for the Take-A-Vet-Fishing event on May 19, 2019. The motion was seconded by Director Mitchell. A roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Allen, Haling, Hellyer, Meyer, Mitchell and Stochl</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p>
6.3	<p>MOTION: Director Stochl made a motion to approve a WRP for Blarney Island Drag Boat Races. The motion was seconded by Director Mitchell. A roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Allen, Haling, Hellyer, Meyer, Mitchell and Stochl</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p>
6.4	<p>MOTION: Director Allen made a motion to approve a WRP for the Damyak challenge on July 20, 2019 and waive (75) one-day sticker fees. The motion was seconded by Director Hellyer. A roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Allen, Haling, Hellyer, Meyer, Mitchell and Stochl</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p>

7.0	Reports
7.1	Executive Director <p>Executive Director Keller informed the Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Fox River Summit went very well; the Fox River Commission is working hard on minimizing events on the system. • Thanked Kathy, the new Agency accountant, for attending the meeting. • The Déco grant for the headquarters is moving forward; expecting roughly \$200k
7.2	Advisory Committee Reports & Recommendations <p>Randy Sweet advised the Board that the next meeting is April 4, 2019. The Spring cleanup is May 4, 2019. Thanked the Board for approving the Watershed Plan strategy.</p>
7.3	Field Superintendent <p>Field Superintendent Rob Bowman informed the Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted it was a pleasure working on the Watershed Plan with Randy & the team • Attended the Illinois Lakes Management Conference • Boats are officially in the water for spring cleanup; lots of debris in the system • Pre-construction meeting for Boone Creek was held with the City of McHenry • Cooper & Ackerman's Discharge Permit is moving forward; the dam inspection was submitted but has not been accepted.
8.0	Board Comments
8.1	Directors <p>None.</p>
8.2	Chairman <p>MOTION: Chairman Blake made a motion to recognize 10 years of dedicated service from Director Mitchell. A plaque was presented to Director Mitchell.</p>

9.0 Public Comments and presentations

- **Sue Steven (Fox Lake):** Wondered if the Agency works with the state to keep the water pool level lower.
- **Jody Thelen (Port Barrington):** Wondered if there was potential for retention near the border of Illinois & Wisconsin.
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10.0 Executive Session

MOTION: At 7:45, Director Meyer made to enter into Executive Session pursuant land acquisition. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken.

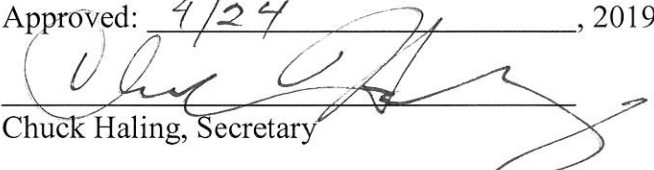
Aye: Directors Allen, Haling, Hellyer, Meyer, Mitchell and Stochl
The Motion carried.

11.0 Adjournment

MOTION: Director Stochl made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Meyer. A voice vote was taken. All voted aye. The Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at **8:03 p.m.**

Approved: 4/24, 2019


Chuck Haling, Secretary