

April 4, 2019 Meeting Minutes
Approved
May 2, 2019



Advisory Committee
(appointed by Board of Directors)

Fox Waterway Agency
45 S Pistakee Lake Rd
Fox Lake, IL 60020

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1.0 Call to Order

Chairman Sweet

Meeting called to order at 7:00PM

2.0 Roll Call

Chairman Sweet

Present: Randy Sweet, David Corrigan, Anne Basten, Ken Fruh, Dan Shea, Sue Draffkorn, Pat Smarto, Jill Heyn, Judy Martini and Al Golbach (sitting in for John Fischer USCGA)

Absent: Police, Dennis Leo, Dan Mitchell, Keith Carpenter, and Henry Reinke Excused: Pamela Althoff, Tim Webster, and Tom Fernstrom.

3.0 Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Sweet

4.0 Review of Minutes and subsequent comment/corrections/approval

Discussion: There was just a brief clarification on the minutes of November 1, 2018

Motion: To approve the minutes of February 7, 2019

Motion: Dan Shea
Second: Sue Draffkorn
Motion carried

5.0 Reports

5.1 FWA

Rob Bowman reported that at least 3 boats a day were out all the previous week responding to debris. Once all the debris is out, they will begin to put in the buoys. Probably about 1 week out. DNR has reported a lot of water over the dam and a lot of trees are the debris. He also stated that Chairman Randy Sweet gave a great presentation on the watershed study. The presentation is to be posted on the agency website.

Randy reported that Jim Meyer, Bill Heyer and Jason Hetterman were elected to the Board and that Dan Mitchell will be officially stepping down but will stay on the advisory committee.

5.2 Regional

Discussion: the lower river was down at least 1 foot from the highest with Randy reporting that it had been 1 foot over the seawall. The Upper river was currently where it normally is this time of year.

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5.3 Watershed Planning

Chairman Sweet updated the members on presentation made. The Board unanimously approved moving forward with the study. The next step is to put out a Request for Proposal (RFP). They are also looking to going to apply for another grant in October. The first grant for the planning should be completed in the first quarter. The actual plan is expected in 2021 or 2022.

6.0 Old Business - None

6.1 Boat Show

It was noted that several people were asking for copies of maps but that we did not have them for sale and once the limited stock is gone, there are no plans to print more. There were a couple of questions about the homeowners' buoy program on the lakes and those requesters were referred to the office. The buoy program still exists and costs the homeowner \$250 and they are responsible for taking the buoys in and putting them out after the initial placement. Pat Smarto suggested a video montage of completed and ongoing projects for the display next year and that maybe VisitLakeCo could be of assistance or GoBoatLakeCo.com

7.0 New Business

7.1 Waterway Cleanup

Chairman Sweet distributed the chart from 2018's clean up and recommendations for possible alternative sites. The group then narrowed down the sites to Broken Oar, Captain's Quarters, Haling's Resort, C.J. Smith Resort, Chain O'Lakes St. Park and Boone Creek (next to the McHenry Jewel). Pat Smarto was to get ahold of C.J. Smith's, Jill Heyn to confirm with Captain's Quarter and Randy Sweet was to talk to Chain O'Lakes State park and see if the neighbors were willing to do the clean up. Garbage pick up and barge needs were also discussed. Kris Pearson will be sent the waiver forms for copying and distribution as well as a copy of the flier for Ken Fruh and Dave Corrigan to take to the marinas.

7.2 Tour (7/9/19) Ideas

Chairman Sweet reported that he had heard from Tom Fernstrom about erosion down river. The group present suggested a walking tour in McHenry of the Boone Creek dredging and possibly a short tour of the former Water Tower Marina building and plans. This could be done from shore with no boat or staff needed. The machines would not need to be in action at Boone Creek.

7.3 Other

There were no other new business items

8.0 Member Comments:

Dan Shea shared an old picture taken from Eagle Point of a police officer. He talked about hanging out there as a child and some of the offensive signage that was present at the time.

Judy Martini reported that the Senator Morrison bill SB0238 was on life support and probably not moving.

9.0 Public Comments - None

10.0 Adjournment

Motion to adjourn May 2, 2019 Advisory Committee Meeting.

Motion: Ken Fruh

Second: Dave Corrigan

Discussion: None

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Motion carries, meeting adjourned at ~ 8:15 p.m.
