



Fox Waterway Agency

Regular Meeting Minutes

May 22, 2019

Recording Secretary: Danielle Kelly

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

Chairman Blake

Present: Directors Chris Allen, Chuck Haling, Bill Hellyer, Jason Hettermann, 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 March 27, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Mitchell. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent:

The Motion carried.

Director Haling made a motion to approve the Minutes from the April 24, 2019 Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Mitchell. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Directors Allen, Haling, Mitchell, and Stochl

Abstain: Directors Hellyer, 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 which reflects a cash balance of \$1,338,142.76. April sticker sales totaled \$238,235.00. There were 11 accounts receivable at the end of April totaling \$8,452.00, all were current receivables.

MOTION: Director Meyer 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 Allen, Haling, Hellyer, Meyer, Mitchell, and Stochl

The Motion carried.

4.2 Approval of Bills

Director Meyer presented the bills for approval and payment totaling \$107,891.60. Total debits and checks totaled \$73,621.28 and current month checks to be released totaled \$34,270.32.

MOTION: Director Meyer made a motion to approve payment of all 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.

MOTION: Director Meyer made a motion to approve Executive Director Keller signing a check for flood insurance to the American Bankers Insurance Company of Florida not-to-exceed \$9,245.00. 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 ON TRINSKI ISLAND: Director Stochl notified the Board that they are still waiting for the DNR to confirm previous flood data is still accurate.

5.2

DISCUSSION ON DECO GRANT & HEADQUARTER WHARF PROJECT: Director Allen notified the Board that the Agency is very close to completing the grant; they will be able to proceed with the bid process once completed.

6.0 New Business

6.1

Returning Board Members James Meyer and William Hellyer and newly elected Board Member Jason Hettermann were all sworn in and took the oath of office of Director.

6.2

MOTION: Director Hettermann made a motion to approve fifteen one-day stickers at a reduced rate of \$10.00 for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Fishing Tournament on June 11, 2019. The motion was seconded by Director Hellyer.

After a brief discussion, the motion and second were withdrawn and Director Hettermann made an alternative motion to approve waiving the fee for (15) one-day stickers for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Fishing Tournament. The motion was seconded by Director Stochl. A roll call vote was taken.

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

The Motion carried.

6.3

MOTION: Director Hellyer made a motion approve FWA boats and staff to participate in the American Legion Fishing Day for the disabled Veterans from the Capt. James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center on Friday, May 31, 2019 and August 2, 2019. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken.

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

The Motion carried.

6.4

MOTION: Director Stochl made a motion to approve the Pistakee Bay Fireworks WRP for July 7, 2019 and waive the rental fee for the buoys and signs for the event. Pistakee Bay will be no wake from 8pm-12am for the event. The motion was seconded by Director Allen. A roll call vote was taken.

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

The Motion carried.

7.0 Reports**7.1 Executive Director**

Executive Director Keller informed the Board:

- The field crew has been doing a great job with debris cleanup and starting at Boone Creek; the office staff has also been doing a great job.
- The check for the FEMA/grant reimbursable for the office should arrive prior to next month's meeting; check totals \$96,000.

7.2 Advisory Committee Reports & Recommendations

Randy Sweet advised the Board that the next meeting is a tour of the Boone Creek River Walk on July 7, 2019. The spring cleanup event went very well; they had over 30 volunteers and pulled out a great deal of trash.

7.3 Field Superintendent

Field Superintendent Rob Bowman informed the Board:

- The field crew has been working on bog removal
- Flood debris calls have been averaging 5-6 per day; lots of debris and they have limited access to the lower river due to lock & dam construction; be careful.
- The dirt field is operational (currently operating at 70% due to recent rain)
- Received 5 watershed proposals; will be reviewing next week
- The water portion of the Fox Lake Triathlon scheduled for 6/2/2019 is tentative depending on water conditions
- The buoys will all be in position by the end of next week

8.0 Board Comments

8.1 Directors

None.

8.2 Chairman

- Thanked the DNR for moving water to get the system open for boating
- Happy to finally receive the FEMA check

9.0 Public Comments and presentations

- **Michael Demarzo (Spring Grove):** Has worked with the Agency and his HOA for many years; thanked the Agency and Rob Bowman for all their hard work and assistance
- **Dale Reynolds (American Legion of Fox Lake):** Thanked the Board for approving their event
- **Phil Bartmann (Johnsburg):** Thanked Dan Mitchell for his time spent serving on the Board of Directors.
- **Randy Sweet (Advisory Committee):** Noted that there is more debris on the lower river than he's even seen and is substantial in size.

10.0 Executive Session

MOTION: At 7:50 p.m., Director Hellyer made a motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to land acquisition. The motion was seconded by Director Haloing. A roll call vote was taken.

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

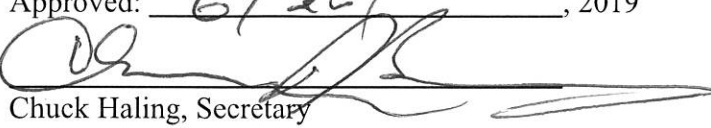
The Motion carried. Enter into Executive Session.

11.0 Adjournment

MOTION: Director Hellyer 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 7:59 p.m.

Approved: 6/20/, 2019


Chuck Haling, Secretary