

Fox Waterway Agency Regular Meeting Minutes June 26, 2019

Recording Secretary: David McArdle

1.0. Call to Order & Roll Call 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Blake

Present: Directors Chris Allen, Chuck Haling, Bill Hellyer, Jason Hettermann, Jim Meyer, 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 May 22, 2019 Board meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Hellyer. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye:

Directors Allen, Haling, Hellyer, Hetterman, Meyer, and Stochl

Absent:

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 \$1,504,736.51. May sticker sales totaled \$272,945.00. Accounts receivable at the end of May total \$2,380.

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, Hetterman, Meyer, and Stochl

Absent:

The Motion carried.

4.2 Approval of Bills

Director Meyer presented the bills to be paid and direct bank debits and previous checks issued during the month prior to the Board Meeting totaling \$167,450.14.

MOTION: Director Meyer made a motion to approve payment of all the bills totaling \$167,450.14. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye:

Directors Allen, Haling, Hellyer, Hetterman, Meyer, and Stochl

Absent:

The Motion carried.

5.0 Old Business

- **5.1 Discussion on Trinski Island:** Director Stochl reported that a conference call with the ARCOE is scheduled for Monday, July 1st. In addition, Director Stochl noted that the State of Illinois has budgeted \$1.7M for the Trinski Island project.
- 5.2 Discussion on DCEO Grant and Headquarter Warf Project: Director Allen reported that the State's fiscal year is ending this month and he was told that the Agency may hear more information from the state in the next fiscal year.

6.0 New Business

6.1

MOTION: Director Haling made a motion to assist with the Fishing Has No Boundaries event on Saturday, September 7, 2019, and to waive One-Day Class J (up to 25') stickers. The motion was seconded by Director Meyer. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye:

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

Absent/Nay:

The Motion carried.

6.2

MOTION: Director Hellyer made a motion to approve an ordinance authorizing the sale of R-16 and ratifying all action taken by the Chairman, Secretary, Executive Director, and Agency Counsel to complete the sale of the property. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye:

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

Absent/Nay:

The Motion carried.

6.3

MOTION: Director Hetterman made a motion that the Agency Executive Director, Joe Keller, should take more of a leadership role in the Fox River Flood Commission, notwithstanding that this will divert some of his attention from other Agency business/needs. The motion was seconded by Director Stochl. All acknowledged that this item will continued to be evaluated by Joe for productivity. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye:

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

Absent/Nay:

The Motion carried.

7.0 Reports

7.1 Executive Director

Executive Director Keller summarized the FEMA results including the Agency's recent receipt of approximately \$100K. Executive Director Keller is also looking into better communication/meetings with various governmental groups/committees along the Waterway to better spread the FWA message.

7.2 Advisory Committee Reports and Recommendations

Randy Sweet advised the Board that the next meeting is a tour of the Boone Creek River Walk on July 9, 2019 at 5 p.m. with dinner to follow at Buddyz at 6 p.m. Also, the Fall-2020 schedule of tours will be moved to Wednesdays.

7.3 Field Superintendent Report

Field Superintendent Rob Bowman informed the Board:

- The Prior two floods are still being cleaned up by the staff thus putting dredging projects behind schedule;
- Boone Creek is about 50% completed and moving quickly because of the City's use of the Thelen disposal site;
- The crew is spt dredging at Halings channel and others;
- Will be restoring the Trinski load out site.

8.0 Director Reports

8.1 Directors—Director Meyer reported that he attended the Friends of Lake Catherine meeting. Projects and fundraising were discussed and he noted that it is a well run organization. Director Meyer introduced himself and provided some information to the group about the Agency. Director Meyer also suggested the Agency come up with and discuss implementation of a strategic financial plan.

8.2 Chairman Blake—No report

Public Comments and Presentations

- Dorothy Wenzel—would like a copy of the survey from the Fox Waterway Commission;
- Wally-Red Head Lake is not navigable, and it is getting worse—inquired about funding;
- Jeff Lang from the Fox River Commission in Wisconsin. Reported on the 319-funding grant; distributed a pamphlet and provided an update on the Waukesha diversion project being stalled by the DRNR until at least 2023.

9.0 Executive Session

MOTION: Director Hellyer made a motion at 8:15 p.m. to enter into Executive Session to discuss possible acquisition of real estate. 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. Enter into Executive Session.

10.0

Open Session resumed at 8:30.

Roll Call: Directors Chris Allen, Chuck Haling, Bill Hellyer, Jason Hettermann, Jim Meyer, Christine Stochl, and Chairman Wayne Blake

Director Hellyer made a motion to hire lobbyist Dave Manning for statewide funding efforts not to exceed \$10,000. 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.

11.0 Adjournment

MOTION: Director Hellyer made a motion 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 8:35.

Approved:

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Chuck Haling, Secretary

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