

# Fox Waterway Agency Regular Meeting Minutes July 24, 2019

**Recording Secretary: Danielle Kelly** 

1.0. Call to Order & Roll Call 7:02 p.m.

Chairman Blake

**Present:** Directors Chris Allen, Chuck Haling, Bill Hellyer, Jason Hettermann, Jim Meyer, <del>Dan Mitchell, Christine Stochl, and Chairman Wayne Blake</del>

**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 June 26, 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

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 \$1,731,159.74 June sticker sales totaled \$241,810. There were 9 accounts receivable as of July 24, 2019.

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

Ave:

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

The Motion carried.

## 4.2 Approval of Bills

Director Meyer presented the bills to be paid/approved totaling \$223,254.84. Total debits and checks totaled \$195,436.45 and current month checks to be released totaled \$27,818.39.

**MOTION:** Director Meyer made a motion to pay and approve payment of all the bills totaling \$223,254.84. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye:

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

The Motion carried.

#### 5.0 Old Business

5.1

**DISCUSSION ON TRINSKI ISLAND:** Director Stochl informed the Board that the ACOE Colonel offered to help the Agency with engineering (either a flood study or structural engineering support for the seawall).

5.2

**DISCUSSION ON DCEO GRANT & HEADQUARTER WHARF PROJECT:** Director Allen notified the Board that the State is looking for an environmental study and a few other details before releasing final approval. The FWA does these studies on every dredge project and expects to have it completed within the next week.

#### 6.0 New Business

6.1

**MOTION:** Director Hetterman made a motion to approve Warren Moulis's appointment to the Advisory Committee. 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.

6.2

**MOTION:** Director Hetterman made a motion to approve the 2020 Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule. The motion was seconded by Director Meyer. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye:

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

The Motion carried.

6.3

**MOTION:** Director Meyer made a motion to approve the 2020 Board Meeting Schedule. The motion was seconded by Director Hellyer. 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 2020 FWA Holiday Schedule. 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.

#### 6.5

**MOTION:** Director Haling made a motion to approve waiving one-day sticker fees for Walleyes Unlimited 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Military Veterans Fishing Outing on September 28, 2019. The motion was seconded by Director Hellyer. A roll call vote was taken.

Ave:

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

The Motion carried.

#### 6.6

**MOTION:** Director Hellyer made a motion to approve a donation of \$300 to Fleet 17 for Venetian Night on August 17, 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.

# 7.0 Reports

## 7.1 Executive Director

Executive Director Keller informed the Board:

- The Agency has been working to acquire a processing property; currently working through the due diligence phase.
- Boone Creek project was completed; commended the Field Crew for their hard work and great job. Thanked the City of McHenry for stepping up and providing trucking.

# 7.2 Advisory Committee Reports & Recommendations

Randy Sweet advised the Board that the next meeting is on September 5, 2019. The tour of the Boone Creek River Walk went very well. They are working through the Watershed Plan; getting ready to submit the 319 Grant application but will need the Board's help in obtaining letters of commitment from various townships.

## 7.3 Field Superintendent

Field Superintendent Rob Bowman informed the Board:

- Pistakee Heights HOA came in last month inquiring about weed control; they received the
  proposal from Clean Lakes in the amount of \$12,300; The Board needs to continue researching
  various options for weed control on the system
- Completed Boon Creek ahead of schedule; dredged 12,500 yards and were able to work through inclement weather and the City of McHenry providing trucking was a huge help
- Moved equipment to begin at Morraine Hills (small project)
- Continuing work at Rushmore Channel
- Restored load out site at Governor's Channel
- Debris concerns continue
- Performed a Trinski Island seawall tour with the Agency engineer
- Performing grounds maintenance at the Headquarters & L10
- Received new trucks
- Cooper's Farm cell has been inspected & is usable now
- New EPA discharge permits mean more testing/higher costs

## 8.0 Board Comments

#### 8.1 Directors

- Haling: Duck blind drawing this Saturdayd
- **Hetterman:** Been on the Board for 2 months & has seen lots of projects & received good feedback on the communication of boating status
- Allen: Good communication with boating statuses/working with the Army Corps
- Meyer: Receiving feedback on speed limits; suggested a special meeting to discuss
- Hellyer: Also receiving feedback on speed limits; supportive of a meeting to discuss

## 8.2 Chairman

Would like to get boating status signs put up at boat ramps/marinas

# 9.0 Public Comments and presentations

- Dan Tuohy (Cary, IL): Has an HOA containing 18 homeowners (Holly Lane Park); their channel needs dredging. Will complete the dredging packet & wishes to have a financial partnership with the FWA to complete the project
- **John Lund (Glen Arms):** Weeds from Red Head are impassable and moving into Meyers Bay & his channel. Would like to see weed control.
- Leon Schmitt (McHenry): Lives in Zone B; would like to see weekend speed limits and no wake on weekdays from sunrise to 10am.

#### 10. 0 Executive Session

**MOTION:** Director Meyer made a motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to land acquisition. The motion was seconded by Director Stochl. A roll call vote was taken.

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

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The Motion carried. Enter into Executive Session.

## 11.0 Adjournment

**MOTION:** Upon returning from Executive Session, 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 8:32 p.m.

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Approved:

Chuck Haling, Secretary