



# **Fox Waterway Agency**

## ***Regular Meeting Minutes***

**September 25, 2019**

**Recording Secretary: Danielle Kelly**

### **1.0. Call to Order & Roll Call 7:05 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 August 28, 2019 committee of the whole and Board meeting. 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.

### **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 \$2,003,952.90. August sticker sales totaled \$196,140. There were 14 account receivables as of September 24, 2019. Dirt sales in August totaled \$11,567.

**MOTION:** Director Haling made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. 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.

#### 4.2 Approval of Bills

Director Meyer presented the bills for approval and payment totaling \$156,216.90. Total debits and checks totaled \$87,572.09 and current month checks to be released \$68,644.81.

**MOTION:** Director Meyer made a motion to approve and pay all bills totaling \$156,216.90. 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 of a conference call with the Army Corps of Engineers & IDNR; it was decided that the study needed would not be completed for another year. The Agency has the option to start work on the seawall next spring if they pursue a permit. The Chairman directed the Executive Director to gather related costs and paperwork and present at the next meeting.

##### 5.2

**DISCUSSION ON DECO GRANT & HEADQUARTER WHARF PROJECT:** Director Allen updated the Board that they have received bids on the project and will be making recommendations for approval in the New Business section of the meeting.

#### 6.0 New Business

##### 6.1

**MOTION:** Director Hellyer made a motion to approve the proposed Land Use Agreement between the Fox Waterway Agency and Haling's Marina. The motion was seconded by Director Stochl. After a brief discussion, a roll call vote was taken.

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

##### 6.2

**MOTION:** Director Haling made a motion to approve the recommendation to award the 2019 FWA Wharf Project to Copenhagen Construction Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$564,550. 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.

### 6.3

**MOTION:** Director Meyer made a motion to approve the hiring of Trotter & Associates, Inc. for the FWA Wharf Project construction administration and observation/verification services, not to exceed \$34,264. 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:

- Believes the DNR will open the lakes and upper river zones to no wake tomorrow (9/26/19)
- Continues to participate in the Fox River Flood Commission meetings
- Thankful for Haling's Marina for allowing the FWA to use their land to pull out a 2-acre bog
- Will be emailing the BOD asking for feedback on various groups asking for better representation/consideration

### 7.2 Advisory Committee Reports & Recommendations

Randy Sweet advised the Board that the next meeting is on November 7, 2019. The Watershed Plan is moving along; he met with Fox Lake's Mayor and are developing a plan to reach out to various municipalities to solicit money and participation.

### 7.3 Field Superintendent

Field Superintendent Rob Bowman informed the Board:

- Dirt field is operational and selling
- Flooded with flood concerns. If the lakes and rivers are opened, advised boaters to be cautious of debris
- Working on pulling out a 2-acre bog
- Was advised that the Army Corps now requires the Agency to work with LSMC to oversee their project on installing a temporary bridge at Ackerman. They require a soil erosion prevention plan to get a permit. Rob will be looking into this further per direction of the Chairman.
- The new F350 work truck was ordered
- Currently dredging off Mallard Ave; on the way to L-10

## 8.0 Board Comments

### 8.1 Directors

- **Haling:** Fishing Has No Boundaries event went well & they sent in a thank-you note
- **Meyer:** Wondered what the status of winter dredging at Sequoi Creek was
- **Stochl:** Wondered when/why kayaks and canoes can't go out on the lake during no wake/when the system is closed
- **Hetterman:** Attended the Advisory Committee; thankful for their knowledge
- **Allen:** Echoed Director Stochl's comments regarding the closing of the system/no wake

### 8.2 Chairman

- With Attorney McArdle, discussed the Purchasing Policy. After a brief discussion, it was decided that the current purchasing policy needs to be reviewed and amended. Attorney McArdle will send examples to the Executive Director who will report back to the Board at its next meeting.

## 9.0 Public Comments and presentations

- **Susan Riley (Spring Lake, IL):** Is a nighttime boater that is worried about debris in the system. Also noted that Lake County hired a Civil Engineer that could potentially work with the Agency
- **Sue Sieban (Cedar Island):** Glad boating is closed because her property is seeing damage. Prefers boating stays closed until the water is under 5'.
- **Jim Cistaro (Spring Grove, IL):** Contacted the DNR regarding the high water event; mentioned that no wake should have a set speed limit versus idle speed; questioned if commercial boaters had to abide by the no wake or closures (this will be researched and discussed at the next meeting)
- **Randy Sweet:** Mentioned he lives south of the Stratton and there is a huge bog and a lot of debris down there

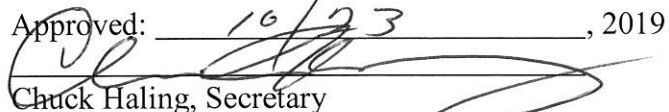
## 10.0 Executive Session

No motion for Executive Session was made.

## 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 **8:26 p.m.**

Approved: 10/23, 2019  
  
Chuck Haling, Secretary