



# Fox Waterway Agency

## *Regular Meeting Minutes*

October 23, 2019

**Recording Secretary: Danielle Kelly**

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

Chairman Blake

**Present:** Directors Chris Allen, Chuck Haling, Jason Hettermann, Jim Meyer, Christine Stochl, and Chairman Wayne Blake

**Absent:** Bill Hellyer

**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 September 25, 2019 Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Stochl. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Directors Allen, Haling, Hetterman, Meyer, and Stochl

Absent: Directors Hellyer

Nay: None

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 \$1,918,721.52. September sticker sales totaled \$40,245.00. There were 15 accounts receivable, all within 30 days, as of October 23, 2019.

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

Aye: Directors Allen, Haling, Hetterman, Meyer, and Stochl

Absent: Directors Hellyer

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

#### **4.2 Approval of Bills**

Director Meyer presented the bills for payment totaling \$116,209.84. Total debits and checks were \$85,565.26 and current month checks to be released totaled \$30,644.58. Director Meyer noted that \$12,400 was paid for 40 concrete barriers; this purchase was not pre-approved, but only budgeted for, by the Board.

**MOTION:** Director Meyer made a motion to pay the bills totaling \$103,809.84 (\$116,209.84 less the \$12,400 concrete barriers). The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Directors Allen, Haling, Hetterman, Meyer, and Stochl

Absent: Directors Hellyer

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

**MOTION:** Director Allen made a motion to also approve the prior purchase of the \$12,400 concrete barriers. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Directors Allen, Haling, Hetterman,

Absent: Directors Hellyer

Abstain: Directors Meyer, Stochl (these votes will be reflected, by law, as going with the majority.

The Motion carried.

#### **5.0 Old Business**

##### **5.1**

**UPDATE ON ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS:** Director Stochl informed the Board that the USARC will allow the FWA to merge the hydraulic & mechanical permits.

##### **5.2**

**DISCUSSION ON THE SCHEDULE OF HEADQUARTERS WHARF PROJECT:** Director Allen updated the Board that construction will begin at the end of November and finish up in April/May of 2020.

## **6.0 New Business**

### **6.1**

**MOTION:** Director Haling made a motion table, until after executive session, the discussion and possible action relating to the purchase of a 30-acre parcel of property for soil processing operations. The motion was seconded by Director Meyer. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Directors Allen, Haling, Hetterman, Meyer, and Stochl

Absent: Directors Hellyer

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

### **6.2**

**MOTION:** Director Hetterman made a motion to discuss potential 2020 dredge projects. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Directors Allen, Haling, Hetterman, Meyer, and Stochl

Absent: Directors Hellyer

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

The discussion included 6 confirmed projects, 8 potential projects, and Director Meyer discussed dredging the mouths of tributary channels on an annual/bi-annual basis. More discussion on dredging projects to follow.

## **7.0 Reports**

### **7.1 Executive Director**

Executive Director Keller informed the Board:

- A public meeting was held to discuss the FWA purchasing a parcel of property for soil operations. The meeting went well.

## **7.2 Advisory Committee Reports & Recommendations**

Randy Sweet advised the Board that the next meeting is November 7, 2019. He also mentioned they are still sourcing funding from local businesses & governmental agencies for the Watershed Plan. The 319 grant needs to be amended by mid-November. They may also apply for a 604B Federal grant in addition to the 319 grant.

## **7.3 Field Superintendent**

Field Superintendent Rob Bowman informed the Board:

- The soil field is operational.
- Still working on customer concerns related to the flooding.
- Hydraulic dredge is being brought back to port.
- Total of \$4,797.50 received from auctioning equipment. An equipment broker will be coming to price out another piece of higher priced equipment.
- The field crew is removing buoys.
- Received a thank you from The Citizen's of Rushmore Channel for dredging their area.
- Prepping for the Wharf Project.

## **8.0 Board Comments**

### **8.1 Directors**

- **Haling:** None.
- **Meyer:** None.
- **Stochl:** None.
- **Hetterman:** None.
- **Allen:** Mentioned CMAP in the area and recommended the Board discusses this.
- **Hellyer:** Absent.

### **8.2 Chairman**

- Excited about purchasing a parcel of land and thanked Joe for his hard work on mending fences with various Agencies.

## 9.0 Public Comments and presentations

- **Ralph & Dorothy Wenzel (Cary, IL):** Mentioned CMAP & their hope that the FWA gets involved with what's going on
- **Randy Beyers (CA Ice & Coal):** Excited to be on the 2020 dredging list of potential projects. Would like to see the peninsula done. Thanked Rob for the buoys & liked the location this year.
- **Victoria Werenski (Antioch, IL):** Would like to see personal channels dredged especially near the Selter's subdivision.
- **Jeff Lang (Fox River Commission):** Mentioned they are making progress with farmers planting cover crops (20% increase this year); a survey has been completed and maps are being generated; a grant is in place; the 2020 Fox River Summit is on 3/26/2019 in Barrington, WI; no update on the Waukesha Diversion Project.
- **Tom Helms:** There is a Flood Control & Stormwater Management Commission that he would like to see the FWA get involved in.

## 10.0 Executive Session

Director Meyer made a motion at 8:30 p.m., pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5), for executive session pursuant to land acquisition. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Directors Allen, Haling, Hetterman, Meyer, and Stochl

Absent: Directors Hellyer

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

**MOTION:** Upon returning from Executive Session at 8:58 p.m., Director Meyer made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the proposed Amendment to the Purchase and Sale Agreement with Vulcan Lands, Inc. dated July 8, 2019 extending the due diligence date from October 31, 2019 to November 15, 2019. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Directors Allen, Haling, Hetterman, Meyer, and Stochl

Absent: Directors Hellyer

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

**MOTION:** Director Haling then made a motion to authorize the Chairman & Executive Director to sign all documents required to close on the Purchase and Sale Agreement with Vulcan Lands, Inc. dated July 8, 2019, for a gross purchase price not to exceed \$375,000, plus contracted for closing costs. The motion was seconded by Director Hetterman. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Directors Allen, Haling, Hetterman, Meyer, and Stochl

Absent: Directors Hellyer

Nay: None


The Motion carried.

#### **11.0 Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Director Haling made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Stochl. A voice vote was taken. All voted aye. The Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at **9:00 p.m.**

Approved: 11/13, 2019

  
Chuck Haling, Secretary