



Fox Waterway Agency

Regular Meeting Minutes

February 26, 2020

Recording Secretary: Danielle Kelly

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

Chairman pro-tem Haling

Present: Directors Chris Allen, Jason Hettermann, Chuck Haling (Chairman pro-tem), Bill Hellyer, Jim Meyer, Christine Stochl

Absent: Chairman Wayne Blake

FWA Also Present: Agency Attorney David McArdle, Executive Director Joe Keller, Advisory Committee Randy Sweet

2.0A Pledge of Allegiance

MOTION: Director Meyer made a motion to appoint Director Haling as the Chairman pro-tem. The motion was seconded by Director Hellyer. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

3.0. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Director Haling made a motion to approve the Minutes from the January 22, 2020 Board meeting and committee of the whole meeting, with a correction to section 6.3 reference to \$207,676 which should actually be \$227,676. The motion was seconded by Director Hellyer. A roll call vote was taken.

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

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 \$1,304,586.73. January sticker sales totaled \$286,340.00. There are no account receivables as of February 26, 2020.

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.

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

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

4.2 Approval of Bills

Director Meyer presented the bills for payment totaling \$202,865.81. Total debits and checks equaled \$124,309.30, and current month checks to be released totaled \$78,556.51.

MOTION: Director Meyer made a motion to approve and pay the list of bills totaling \$202,865.81. The motion was seconded by Director Hellyer. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

5.0 Old Business

5.1

UPDATE ON TRINSKI ISLAND: Director Stochl notified the Board that Executive Director Keller had a meeting with Army Corps and IDNR to review ways we can work efficiently together now that the Chicago district oversees the entire watershed. They are also looking at alternative dredging options.

5.2

DISCUSSION ON THE SCHEDULE OF HEADQUARTERS WHARF PROJECT & WALL STREET PROPERTY: Director Allen notified the Board the Wall Street property has been somewhat slowed with the frozen ground. Silt fences have been installed and gravel roadways are being created; should be up and running by Spring. On the Wharf project, everything is moving along. They are working on installing the fuel pad systems.

6.0 New Business

6.1

DISCUSSION: Director Meyer discussed changing and updating ordinance for Class D Antique Watercrafts. Agency Attorney McArdle will draft the new proposed ordinance for the March meeting.

6.2

MOTION: Director Hellyer made a motion to adopt the revised Anti-Harassment Policy per Illinois state law. The motion was seconded by Director Stochl. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

6.3

DISCUSSION: Director Hetterman discussed the proposed 2020 dredging schedule. Projects tentatively include FWA headquarters, Haling's, Orchard Heights, Sequoit Creek, CA Ice & Coal, Cora Avenue, Dutch Creek Woodlands, L-10, Heart O Lakes, and Grass/Marie Channel. Field Superintendent to follow up with the Board on certain items.

6.4

MOTION: Director Allen made a motion to approve the hiring of a lobbyist, Cornerstone Government Affairs, Inc. for a term of not to exceed 15-months at \$3,000/month, with an option to terminate at 3-months at a cost not to exceed \$10,000. The motion was seconded by Director Meyer. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

7.0 Reports**7.1 Executive Director**

Executive Director Keller informed the Board:

- Thanked the Board for approving the rental of the excavator and allowing them to hire more people
- There are many opportunities at hand with entities that want to do more to benefit the Fox River

7.2 Advisory Committee Reports & Recommendations

Randy Sweet advised the Board that the next meeting is next meeting is April 2, 2020. The Boat show is 3/5-3/8/2020. The Advisory Committee feels there is a need for an education program; looking to put together an informational/educational video. Attended the Fox River planning meeting. Southeastern WI Fox River Commission is hosting a summit on March 26. Director Stochl and Randy Sweet met with Fox Lake regarding the 501c3; the meeting went well.

7.3 Field Superintendent

Field Superintendent Rob Bowman informed the Board:

- 285 loads removed from Pedersen; around 35% completed (only been onsite working 14 full days due to weather)
- Ackerman Island: 506 loads have been removed, 60-65% complete on cleaning it out
- Multiple reports of a sand berm in Nippersink Creek

8.0 Board Comments

8.1 Directors

- **Haling:** Received 2 calls about wood duck houses
- **Meyer:** Lives on Channel Lake and it's nice to see lots of winter activities are occurring
- **Stochl:** None.
- **Hetterman:** None.
- **Allen:** Happy with the water levels
- **Hellyer:** None.

8.2 Chairman

Absent

9.0 Public Comments and presentations

- **Dorothy Wenzel (Cary, IL):** In all the years since inception of the Agency, they have been involved with the Agency, she was unaware of the Antique Boat classification. Also wondered what the lobbyist does.
- **Jim Cistaro (Jackson Dr.):** Was in favor of the lobbyist providing a report of their activities; was supportive of extending the termination length. RDS Charity is hosting another event for the Arts & Sciences at Studio Hot Rods.
- **Jeff Lang (Southeastern WI Fox River Commission):** Hosting a summit on March 26th. There will be a presentation regarding covered crops from a farmer who has adopted the principal and has saved millions of dollars by doing so. Waukesha Water Diversion is still 2.5 years out; could lead to a reduction in 10 million gallons of water per day.
- **Susan Riley (Sibley Dr., Antioch):** Wants to get more involved with the chain and Agency; likes the idea of the lobbyist but feels we need to seek a proposal for a lobbyist, feels strongly we need a report, and need to provide a list of what we need the lobbyist to do. Has an issue with her property (Lake County changed their drainage system and it's now draining onto personal properties). Antioch Golf Course is dumping water from their pond onto her property. Would like to see an official list of the dredging projects and status.

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 **8:32 p.m.**

Approved: 4/22, 2020


Chuck Haling, Secretary