



Fox Waterway Agency

Remote/Electronic Meeting Minutes

July 22, 2020

Recording Secretary: David McArdle

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

Chairman Blake

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

Absent:

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 June 24, 2020 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Hettermann. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Abstain: Director Meyer

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 \$1,357,454.21.

MOTION: Director Meyer made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. It was noted that sicker sales for the month made a large jump to \$445,985. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent:

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

4.2 Approval of Bills

Director Stochl presented the bills for payment totaling \$73,604.88, including debits of \$42,669.85 for June and \$50,157.88 for July and prepaid checks of \$62,278.29 already issued for the month.

MOTION: Director Stochl made a motion to pay all of the bills including approval of debits and checks prepaid all totaling \$128,710.90. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent:

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

4.3 A/R Report

Director Meyer presented the A/R Report. Account receivables as of 7/21/20 total \$5,310 of which the Village of Algonquin is just past 30 days and staff will be checking on this.

5.0 Old Business**5.1 Army corps of Engineers update.**

Director Stochl informed the Board that they are still looking to set up a tour for the Army Corps of Engineers.

5.2 Update on headquarters wharf project and Wall Street Property development progress.

Director Allen informed the Board that the wharf project is scheduled for its final walk through this Friday, July 24, 2020, with the final contractor payment expected for the following week. Wall Street is in good shape to move forward, on schedule, into phase 2.

6.0 New Business**6.1**

MOTION: Director Hettermann made a motion to discuss and approve the 2021 Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. The schedule is attached to the minutes as Exhibit A. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent:

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

6.2

MOTION: Director Haling made a motion to discuss and approve the 2021 Board Meeting Schedule, attached as Exhibit B. The motion was seconded by Director Hellyer. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent:

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

6.3

MOTION: Director Haling made a motion to discuss the proposed 2021 FWA Holiday Schedule and discussion ensued as to whether four holidays should be included relating to Columbus Day, Veteran's Day, Lincoln's Birthday and President's Day. Following discussion, Director Haling made a motion to table the matter until the next Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Meyer. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent:

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

6.4

MOTION: Director Hellyer made a motion to discuss and approve a donation of \$300 to Fleet 17 for Venetian Night, August 29, 2020. The motion was seconded by Director Meyer. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent:

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

6.5

MOTION: Director Allen made a motion to discuss and approve neighboring HQ's businesses signs to be installed below the soon to be installed FWA Channel sign. The motion was seconded by Director Meyer. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent:

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

7.0 Reports

7.1 Executive Director

Executive Director Keller informed the Board that last month the Agency applied for three grants and deferred the matter to Randy Sweet.

Chairman Blake also confirmed that Governor's Channel was moving forward to completion.

7.2 Advisory Committee Reports & Recommendations

Chairman Randy Sweet advised the Board as follows:

- The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for September 3. On the agenda will be speed limits, emphasizing nighttime speed limits are being violated, both in the lower river and in the lakes and the issue needs to be discussed. The Board members agreed.
- The 319 grant was discussed; paperwork for this non-point water source (watershed) grant is being assembled and is due to be filed at the end of the month. The parties are meeting regularly in order to complete the application. The Agency should not be obligated on the grant, based on current budget projections and commitments; however, there may be a delay in reimbursement to the Agency by the federal government. In addition, the IEPA is behind on 319 applications, therefore, any contract with the IEPA may not be finalized until 2022. Director Hetterman pointed out that although local governments in the area commitments have made pledges, few private business pledges have been made and he suggested that perhaps Board members solicit business and marine dealers for commitments.

7.3 Field Superintendent Report

Rob Bowman advised the Board as follows:

- Governor's Channel, the crew is making good headway, should be completed by August 7th. Following completion, there will be a couple of days of maintenance on the equipment and then the equipment will be moved to California Ice and Coal to continue work at that location. In addition, the Army Corps will be pursued for issuance of a temporary take permit to activate the hydraulic dredge and get the equipment in the water to also work at California Ice and Coal.
- Another crew of the Agency is dealing with customer concerns, removing and installing signage and equipment maintenance.
- The dirt fields have been active, sales have been good of dry dirt and sales should be tapering for a short period of time.
- Half Moon Island, the IDNR places hazard buoys around the island, currently there are nine buoys and one FWA sign. The FWA intends to have a second sign installed to prevent boats from running aground.

8.0 Directors and Chairman Reports

- Director Haling reported that 7 to 8 customers indicated they were impressed by the work under the railroad bridge; maybe enhance the corridor around the construction work would also be helpful.
- Director Stochl indicated marine business was up, boat slips were full and gasoline sales were up. She also remarked that boat stickers were at their highest peak.
- Director Hettermann thanked the office staff for increased communication with boat users. He also indicated that CMAP presented information at a meeting he scheduled for Friday.
- Director Allen indicated that contrary to some of the reports, the bad tubing accident which occurred in the lower river does not appear to be attributable by another boater.
- Director Meyer indicated that the crews were doing a good job on getting the mechanical dredge going. He indicated that combining the hydraulic dredge on jobs would be extremely beneficial.
- Director Hellyer indicated that from his view of the boats on the river, stickers can be seen on most watercraft and enforcement is helping.
- Chairman Blake indicated that the wharf project is impressive; new signs are up and the Agency is being a better neighbor by virtue of that.

Public Comment

- Sean Bainstow indicated that he is a summer resident on Crabapple Island and advised the Board of the significant lotus problem that did not exist five years ago. He believes that high water flooding and jet skis abusing the area too near the shore are chewing up the lily pads, causing the problem and he is asking for buoys to be installed to keep the boaters away.
- Director Haling indicated, contrary to that statement, that he believes early spring ice is freezing to the bottom of the lake, and that along with spring floods causes the lotus to be cut at the bottom of the plant and found floating in the springtime.
- Chairman Blake agreed with Director Haling and he thought the problem also had to do with water drawdown.
- Additional questions were raised regarding the PVC pipes near the island and as to whether they marked anything. Rob Bowman responded that the pipes indicated J.U.L.I.E. locates for future signage.
- It was also questioned whether the buoys should be redesigned to reflect a clear message of hazard, rather than looking like a no wake sign. Rob Bowman responded that the signage on the buoys follow US Army Corps rules and regulations and cannot be changed. The Agency is looking into adding its own additional signage for hazard areas nearby.
- Mr. Beyers questioned when Rob's crew will be back to California Ice and Coal. Rob responded on or about August 7th.

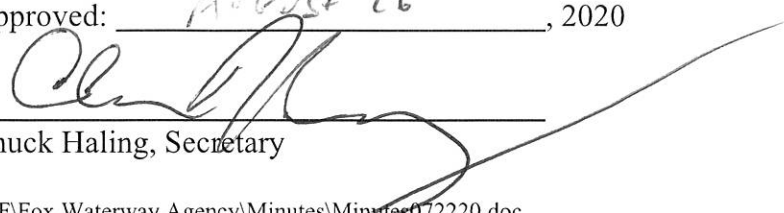
MOTION: At 9:00 p.m. Director Hellyer made a motion to adjourn.

The motion was seconded by Director Stochl. A roll call voice vote was taken.

The Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Approved: August 26, 2020



Chuck Haling, Secretary

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EXHIBIT A

Proposed Advisory Committee 2021 Meeting Schedule (Submitted by Randy Sweet, Chairman)

Feb 4

Apr 1

May 6

July 7 Advisory Committee Tour and meeting

Sept 2

Nov 4

June 30, 2020

EXHIBIT B



**FOX WATERWAY AGENCY
2021 MEETING SCHEDULE**



Board Meetings begin at 7:00p.m.
(UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)

*FWA Headquarters
45 S. Pistakee Lake
Road Fox Lake, IL
60020*

January 27, 2021
February 24, 2021
March 24, 2021
April 28, 2021
May 26, 2021
June 23, 2021
July 28, 2021
August 25, 2021
September 22, 2021
October 27, 2021
November 17, 2021
December 15, 2021