



Fox Waterway Agency

Remote/Electronic Meeting Minutes

August 26, 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: None

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 July 22, 2020 meeting minutes, Section 7.1. to be changed from the reference of Chairman Blake to Executive Director Keller. The motion was seconded by Director Hellyer. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Abstain:

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 \$1,516,006.49.

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 sticker sales were up in June. 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 Meyer presented the bills for payment totaling \$150,774.81. This sum includes debits of \$42,821.34 for July, \$62,903.01 for August, bills to be paid totaling \$44,951.46 and one already issued and prepaid check for \$99.

MOTION: Director Meyer made a motion to pay all of the bills including approval of debits and checks prepaid all totaling \$150,774.81. 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.

4.3 A/R Report

Director Meyer presented the A/R Report. Account receivables as of 8/25/20 total \$3,400, and all but \$120 is current.

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

Director Stochl informed the Board that the combined (hydraulic/mechanical) 10-year permit is issued; Governors Channel is completed; system paperwork will be sent out Monday.

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

Director Allen informed the Board that the wharf project is complete; waiting for final payment of \$206,000; Wall Street--sediment from California Ice and Coal is scheduled in the next 2 weeks; weed control is in place.

6.0 New Business**6.1**

MOTION: Kerry from Dam, Snell & Taveirne presented the proposed Management Letter.

6.2

MOTION: Kerry from Dam, Snell & Taveirne presented the proposed 2019 audit report. Discussion included the referenced pension liability from actuary report; participants increased by one person; it is well-funded; no set aside of funding is required. Director Meyer made a motion to approve the proposed 2019 audit report from Dam, Snell & Taveirne. 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.

6.3

MOTION: Director Haling discussed the proposed 2021 FWA Holiday schedule. Following discussion, Director Haling made a motion to approve the 2021 FWA Holiday schedule deleting Columbus Day and Veterans Day from the proposed schedule. The motion was seconded by Director Meyer. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Directors Allen, Meyer, Haling, and Hellyer

Absent:

Nay: Hettermann and Stochl

The Motion carried.

7.0 Reports**7.1 Executive Director**

Executive Director Keller: COVID issues were discussed; the Governor's Channel is completed; June sticker sales were record high and July was higher as well. Director Hettermann referenced the closure of the locks mid-September and indicated he is working with the City of McHenry to open up its river access ramp to the waterway.

7.2 Advisory Committee Reports & Recommendations

Chairman Sweet reported that the next meeting is on September 3rd.

7.3 Field Superintendent Report

Field Superintendent Bowman reported as follows:

- Governor's Channel was completed on August 7th and its equipment is being moved to the Fox Waterway office area.
- The Grass Lake dredge is being set up and will be completed this week.
- 35 new lake signs (3 X 3) were installed at lake entrances; the total cost with FWA labor was \$17,602.
- The final cost of Governor's Channel, equipment and labor, was \$188,015.
- The Sequoia Creek was completed, at a cost of \$229,030.
- The dirt field is operational.
- The hydraulic dredge is going to California Ice and Coal.
- Hunter blind spots are being handled and scheduled by Chris in the office.

8.0 Directors and Chairman Reports

- Directors Haling, Hetterman, Allen, Hellyer and Chairman Blake had nothing.
- Director Stochl indicated she appreciated and liked the new signs that were installed.
- Director Meyer indicated that the waterway was very populated this weekend.

Public Comment – none.

Executive Session

MOTION: Director Hellyer made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss land acquisition and personnel issues. 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 at 8:15 p.m.

MOTION: Director Hellyer made a motion to take no action after executive session and to adjourn the meeting, at 9:00 p.m. The Motion was seconded by Director Meyer. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent:

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Approved: Sept 23, 2020


Chuck Haling, Secretary

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