



Fox Waterway Agency
Remote/Electronic Meeting Minutes
September 23, 2020

Recording Secretary: David McArdle

1.0 Call to Order & Roll Call 7:01 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 August 26, 2020 meeting minutes. 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 \$1,486,489.23 through the end of August.

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, 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 \$52,713.28. This sum includes bills paid of \$28,946.14 for August, and \$60,593.13 for September and one already issued and prepaid check for \$308.42.

MOTION: Director Meyer made a motion to ratify and pay all of the outstanding bills including approval of debits and checks prepaid all totaling \$142,560.97. 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 9/22/20 total approximately \$2,900.

5.0 Old Business

5.1 Army corps of Engineers update.

Director Stochl informed the Board of:

- the announcement of Colonel Paul Culberson, new commander; Chicago District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.
- no update on grant.
- DNR working to update flood study by summer of 2021.

5.2 Update on Wall Street Property development progress; final update on headquarters wharf project.

Director Allen informed the Board that:

- Wharf – final update: job complete, FWA reimbursed a total of approximately \$400,000.
- Wall Street – improvements progressing; dredging being brought in; county representatives with consultant will be onsite to inspect next Thursday.

6.0 New Business

6.1

MOTION: After much discussion Director Hettermann made a motion to approve the Metalmaster proposal with gutters, in an amount not to exceed \$99,000 to construct new roof at FWA headquarters. This motion is subject to the Executive Director obtaining satisfactory explanations of the stated contractual exclusion relating to flashing penetrations and a satisfactory expressed warranty on the gutters. If the conditions are not met to the satisfaction of the Executive Director, he is authorized to then award the bid to the next apparent low bidder Waukegan Roofing under the same limitations as stated above. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Abstain:

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

6.2

MOTION: . Director Haling made a motion to discuss and approve the final lease purchase agreement for a 2015 John Deere 290 GLC Excavator not to exceed \$125,000. 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:

- State representative Weber visited the agency; difficult cuts in state budges coming; capital budge should stay in place.
- Director Meyer questioned whether any winter dredging projects could be done. Staff indicated that this was not likely; off season work includes Coopers, spreading of clay on the site; reinforcing berms on sides and HR Green is preparing an engineering plan for the work to be provided to the Department of Natural Resources.
- Development of Wall Street is continuing per county requirements.

7.2 Advisory Committee Reports & Recommendations

Chairman Sweet reported that the next meeting is scheduled for November 5, 2020.

7.3 Field Superintendent Report

Field Superintendent Bowman reported as follows:

- Buoys will be removed beginning October 1st.
- Few customer concerns have been received.
- California Ice/Coal – job is up and running.
- The Agency's Hydraulic dredge is working in Grass Lake.
- One of the Agency's Excavators is down for repairs

8.0 Directors and Chairman Reports

- Chairman Blake, Directors Haling, Hettermann, and Hellyer had nothing.
- Director Stochl inquired into resuming meetings at 6:30; no one seemed interested in changing the time at this point.
- Director Allen: noted that Orchard Heights project was put off because waterway locks closed in September and there was no barge access.
- Director Meyer: noted that Fall boating weather is good; he also noted that the Grass Lake, mouth was being dredged and the equipment was moving from L10 to the harbor area.

Public Comment –

Randy Beyers appreciates Bowman's workers.

Adjournment

MOTION: Director Hellyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, at 8:15p.m. The Motion was seconded by Director Meyer

A roll call vote was taken.

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

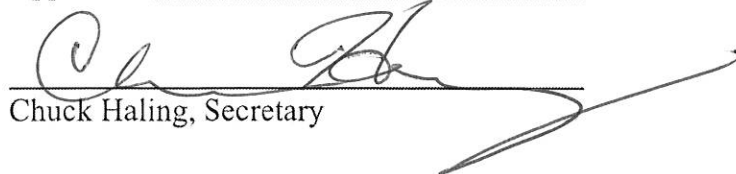
Absent:

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Approved: October 28th, 2020


Chuck Haling, Secretary