



Fox Waterway Agency

Remote/Electronic Meeting Minutes

December 16, 2020

Recording Secretary: David McArdle

1.0 Call to Order & Roll Call 7:02 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 November 18, 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 \$1,415,562.70 through 11/30/20.

MOTION: Director Meyer made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. 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.

4.2	<p>Approval of Bills</p> <p>Director Meyer presented the monthly bills for payment and ratification of bills previously paid as follows: November bills prepaid total \$60,429.47; December bills prepaid total \$55,494.72; additional checks paid during the month total \$5,540.79; and bills remaining to be paid total \$128,457.58; for a total amount of bills paid and to be paid of \$249,922.56.</p> <p>MOTION: Director Meyer made a motion to ratify and pay all of the outstanding bills including approval of debits and checks prepaid all totaling \$249,922.56. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Allen, Meyer, Haling, Hettermann, Hellyer, and Stochl</p> <p>Absent:</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p>
4.3	<p>A/R Report</p> <p>Director Meyer presented the A/R Report. The only account receivable as of 12/15/20 totals \$120.00, which is 30 days old. Director Meyer indicated this should not be a problem getting paid.</p>
5.0	<p>Old Business</p>
5.1	<p>Army corps of Engineers update.</p> <p>Director Stochl informed the Board that the Executive Director met with Mike Machalek, senior enforcement officer, permits and enforcement section, USACE. Mike plans on retiring soon and will work with the Agency with regard to transition. Mike was an inspector for Lake and McHenry Counties and worked with the Agency for years.</p>
5.2	<p>Update on Wall Street Property development progress.</p> <p>Director Allen reported to the Board that transfer of materials continues from Coopers Farm to the Wall Street property. Staff is in the early design phase (II) of opening the silt fence to use more property. Lake County has requested a Phase II design engineering plan be completed and filed.</p>
5.3	<p>Fox River Corridor Plan Update.</p> <p>The Executive Director, Randy Sweet and Director Hettermann met regarding CMAP's plan. They reported to CMAP the extent of flooding that occurs down river and advocated flood mitigation measures, including repairs to the structure of the river that needs attention. CMAP wants written feedback on the pamphlet Joe sent out earlier and clarification needs to be provided to CMAP regarding the FWA lack of jurisdiction over the dam. Director Allen suggested the FWA Board set up a Zoom meeting with CMAP to further discuss matter.</p>
5.4	<p>FWA Roof Project Update.</p> <p>Director Haling reported to the Board that the roof project was close to completion, there are 3 days left of work. He commented that it was good quality work.</p>
6.0	<p>New Business</p>

6.1

MOTION: Director Haling made a motion to approve the purchase of a used dump truck to be selected by Rob Bowman, for a price not to exceed \$99,500. The motion was seconded by Director Stochl. 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 Meyer made a motion to approve the sale, auction or scrapping of certain equipment at the discretion of the Executive Director and staff. The list of equipment is included in the attached pages and will not include the six-inch Dino Dredge or the motors on the Agency conveyors. 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 Hellyer made a motion to authorize the Executive Director to contract for FWA board room improvements, at a cost not to exceed \$15,000, subject to obtaining price alternatives from contractors and subject to no allowance type of cost specifications. 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.

7.0 Reports**7.1 Executive Director**

No report.

7.2 Advisory Committee Reports & Recommendations

Randy Sweet reported that the next meeting of the Advisory Committee was February 4th. He also indicated that the Lake County Boat Show scheduled for the first week in March may not go forward.

7.3 Field Superintendent Report

Field Superintendent Bowman reported as follows:

- The staff was working on Coopers Farm.
- Wall Street drain tile study was completed.
- Beavers have been very active in the area, which will probably create additional obstructions in the waterway in the spring.
- Trinski – staff not screening dirt there because of the work on Coopers Farm.
- L10 – hydraulic dredging has been completed.
- Reduced staff will be working through the end of the year due to vacations.
- The blue dump truck had its steering gear repaired.
- The John Deere backhoe was also having repairs.
- Coopers embankment repairs were held up for approval by the DNR.

8.0 Directors and Chairman Reports

Director Haling was concerned and reported low water levels and questioned whether it was due to work on the dam.

Public Comment –

- Rick Kane from Lake Vista Terrace was present with his wife. They live at 37695 N. Jeanette Court. They questioned the protocol on dredging scheduled for the year. Rob Bowman indicated that the Board had previously voted not to do Lake Vista Terrace and Chairman Blake explained the decision process by the Board.
- John Fischer reported there was beaver damage on Cedar Island near Ben Watts.

Adjournment

MOTION: Director Hellyer made a motion 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: 2/10/20, 2020



Chuck Haling, Secretary