



# Fox Waterway Agency

## *Remote/Electronic Meeting Minutes*

January 27, 2021

**Recording Secretary:** David McArdle

### **1.0 Call to Order & Roll Call 7:05 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 Pat Smarto

### **2.0 Pledge of Allegiance**

### **3.0 Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION:** Director Haling made a motion to approve the December 16, 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 \$1,154,199.37 through 12/31/20.

**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.

<b>4.2</b>	<p><b>Approval of Bills</b></p> <p>Director Meyer presented the monthly bills for payment and ratification of bills previously paid as follows: December bills prepaid total \$59,640.48; January bills prepaid total \$69,149.99; additional checks paid during the month total \$19,063.95; and bills remaining to be paid total \$54,155.31; for a total amount of bills paid and to be paid of \$202,009.73.</p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> Director Meyer made a motion to ratify and pay all of the outstanding bills including approval of debits and checks prepaid all totaling \$202,009.73. 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>
<b>4.3</b>	<p><b>A/R Report</b></p> <p>Director Meyer presented the A/R Report. The only account receivable as of 1/26/21 totals \$925, which is 30 days old, for the rental of agency property/sign. Director Meyer indicated this should not be a problem getting paid.</p>
<b>5.0</b>	<p><b>Old Business</b></p>
<b>5.1</b>	<p><b>Army Corps of Engineers update.</b></p> <p>Director Stochl informed the Board that she anticipates another meeting with the US Army Corp of Engineers in February.</p>
<b>5.2</b>	<p><b>Update on Wall Street Property development progress.</b></p> <p>Director Allen reported to the Board that the Wall Street property was up and running. Coopers Farm was being unloaded to the site. The Agency is currently in design for an entrance driveway and does not expect much water retention needs in the future.</p>
<b>5.3</b>	<p><b>Fox River Corridor Plan Update.</b></p> <p>Director Hettermann: Nothing new to reported to the Board.</p>
<b>6.0</b>	<p><b>New Business</b></p>
<b>6.1</b>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> Director Hellyer made a motion to approve new employee Laura Lehman in her role as customer relations and IT Support. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Allen, Haling, Hettermann, Meyer, Hellyer, and Stochl</p> <p>Abstain:</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p>

**6.2 MOTION:** Director Meyer made a motion to discuss and approve FWA 2021 preliminary budget in compliance with the Illinois Municipal Budget Act, in the amounts of \$3,041,825 in income and \$3,745,835 in projected expenses for a projected loss of \$704,010. The motion was seconded by Director Hellyer. A roll call vote was taken. It was also noted that the public hearing will be scheduled in February for the budget.

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 and approve the IDNR Blanding's Turtle incidental Take Application (\$3,000 per year). The motion was seconded by Director Stochl. 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 Hettermann made a motion to discuss and approve the purchase of two (2) NEW 2021 Mack dump trucks from CITT truck under lease-to-own purchase agreement for a not to exceed value of \$304,424 or of similar trucks selected by the Executive Director at the same not to exceed value from Custom One Trucks in Union Grove, Wisconsin. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent:

Nay: Meyer

The Motion carried.

**6.5 MOTION:** Director Stochl made a motion to discuss and approve WRP: Fox Lake Triathlon on June 13, 2021 and waive equipment rental fees of approximately \$900 but charge for Fox Waterway personnel time of approximately \$328. 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**

Executive Director reported that he will review the budget with the Board over the next month. The waterway sticker sales have been increasing.

## **7.2 Advisory Committee Reports & Recommendations**

Pat Smarto, Chairman, reported that the Northern Illinois Boat Show has been cancelled and that the next committee meeting will be on February 4, 2021 and the committee is conducting a review of the current bylaws of the advisory committee.

## **7.3 Field Superintendent Report**

Field Superintendent Bowman reported as follows:

- Wall Street property is busy emptying out Coopers Farm material.
- A beaver dam off Treavor Creek will be removed with machinery provided by the Agency.
- The 290 JD excavator sustained engine failure and under a warranty claim, the manufacture replaced with a new engine.
- The IDNR permit approval for Coopers Farm embankment work is still pending.

## **8.0 Directors Reports**

### **8.1 Directors**

- Director Stochl requested the chain of command be completed.
- Director Hettermann indicated that the budget was large due to new equipment purchases that are anticipated.
- Director Allen was looking forward to a high-volume boater year and the elimination of COVID-19.
- Director Meyer was happy with the ice pack that was on the waterway and was expecting a big turnout for the ice fishing derby.

### **Public Comment –**

- Kayla Boyd from Fox Lake questioned whether the increase in revenue to the Agency was due to increased units of stickers sold or the price of the stickers. She was informed that it was the increase of sticker sales. Ms. Boyd also requested the recording of zoom meetings, which the Board agreed.

### **Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Director Hellyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, at 8:30 p.m. The Motion was seconded by Director Meyer. A roll call vote was taken.

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

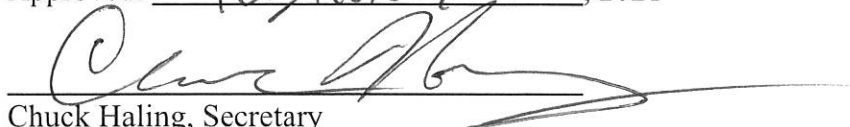
Absent:

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Approved: February 24, 2021

  
Chuck Haling, Secretary

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