



# Fox Waterway Agency

## *Remote/Electronic Meeting Minutes*

March 24, 2021

**Recording Secretary:** David McArdle

### **1.0 Call to Order & Roll Call 7:06 p.m.**

Chairman Blake

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

**Absent:** Jason Hettermann

**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 February 24, 2021 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Hellyer. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent: Hettermann

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 \$1,397.835.87 through 2/28/21.

**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 Haling, Stochl, Allen, Meyer, and Hellyer

Absent: Hettermann

Nay: None.

The Motion carried.

#### **4.2 Approval of Bills**

Director Meyer presented the monthly bills for payment and ratification of bills previously paid as follows: February bills prepaid total \$28,538.28; March bills prepaid total \$70,201.71; additional checks paid during the month total \$1,070.49; and bills remaining to be paid total \$84,434.17; for a total amount of bills paid and to be paid of \$184,244.65.

**MOTION:** Director Meyer made a motion to ratify and pay all the outstanding bills including approval of debits and checks prepaid all totaling \$184,244.65. The motion was seconded by Director Hellyer. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent: Hettermann

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

#### **4.3 A/R Report**

Director Meyer reported that the accounts receivable as of 3/23/21 total \$0.

#### **5.0 Old Business**

##### **5.1 Army Corps of Engineers and IDNR permit update.**

Director Stochl informed the Board that our Army Corps and IDNR discussions continue to move forward. Staff is close to securing \$300,000 of State dollars to secure Grass Island with more rip rap. This funding is important because it is money that the FWA would not have to spend from the budget per our original commitment with the IDNR.

#### **6.0 New Business**

**6.1 MOTION:** Director Haling made a motion to discuss and approve the WRP: Blarney Island Boat Races May 27, 2021 – September 2, 2021, with the same plan as presented in 2020. The motion was seconded by Director Stochl. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Abstain: Hettermann

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

**6.2 MOTION:** Director Hellyer made a motion to discuss and approve the purchase of 15 buoys and lights from Gilman Corporation for \$34,460, in accordance with the 2021 proposed budget for navigational aids. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent: Hettermann

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

**6.3 MOTION:** Director Meyer made a motion to waive sticker fees for the people participating in the Bringing Back Nature clean up event scheduled for April 24, 2021, for one-day permits only. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann (arrived late), Allen, Meyer, and Hellyer

Absent:

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

**6.4 MOTION:** Discussion ensued regarding the proposed Fox Waterway Agency 2021 soil pricing at Wall Street. The discussion proposed that there be three categories of materials sold at the site (1) Non-Bulk Materials; (2) Bulk Materials over 4,000 cubic yards; and (3) Municipal Rate. Pricing would be as follows:

- \$15 per cubic yard for Non-Bulk Materials
- \$12-\$13 for Bulk Material; and
- \$10 for Municipal Rate.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Meyer and seconded by Director Haling to authorize the staff, led by the Executive Director, to set a schedule for the FWA 2021 soil pricing at Wall Street, in accordance with the discussion at the Board level, but within the discretion of the staff. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent:

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

**6.5 MOTION:** Director Hellyer made a motion to approve a Resolution to finance previously approved new 2020 Mack Truck at a price of \$150,395, financed over 60 months, at an interest rate of 3.32% per year and a monthly payment price of \$2,723.84. The motion was seconded by Director Stochl. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent:

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

**6.6 MOTION:** Director Meyer made a motion to approve the 2021 FWA Permanent budget in compliance with the Illinois Municipal Budget Act. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken after public comment was entertained.

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

Absent:

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

<p><b>6.7 MOTION:</b> Director Haling made a motion to discuss and approve the creation of a legal agreement, if possible, to permit contractor to work under FWA issued waterway permits. The motion was seconded by Director Hellyer. A roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Hettermann, Allen, Meyer, and Hellyer</p> <p>Absent:</p> <p>Nay: Stochl</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p>
<p><b>7.0 Reports</b></p>
<p><b>7.1 Executive Director</b></p> <p>Executive Director reported that Rip Coopers is emptied out and he is close to securing two grants, one for approximately \$300,000 relating to Grass Island and the other, approximately \$500,000 for an amphibious backhoe equipment.</p>
<p><b>7.2 Advisory Committee Reports &amp; Recommendations</b></p> <p>Pat Smarto, Chairman, reported that the subcommittee entitled Education Committee has moved forward to provide support for the Agency with educational content through social media. She also reported that the clean up will take place in seven different locations and flyers are being produced.</p>
<p><b>7.3 Field Superintendent Report</b></p> <p>Field Superintendent Bowman reported as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coopers is completed, except for a topographical survey;</li> <li>• They completed moving dirt from Halings Landings;</li> <li>• Wall Street development is moving forward, stone is being brought in and the interior roads are being constructed;</li> <li>• Boats are starting to come into the waterway;</li> <li>• The new Mack truck has been delivered to the shop and can be viewed by the Board members;</li> <li>• The Trammel will be delivered to Wall Street in the first week in April.</li> </ul>
<p><b>8.0 Directors Reports</b></p>
<p><b>8.1 Directors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Director Haling observed Wall Street development is looking good.</li> <li>• Director Stochl reported Squaw Creek's name will be changed.</li> <li>• Director Hettermann reported that he attended a meeting with Johnsburg regarding Dutch Creek and the Fox Waterway's plan of dredging it; dirt field will be located near the mouth of the river of Dutch Creek and it should save money on trucking.</li> <li>• Director Allen: No report.</li> <li>• Director Meyer: No report.</li> <li>• Director Hellyer: No report.</li> </ul>
<p><b>8.2 Chairman</b></p> <p>Chairman Blake: No report.</p>

**Public Comment –**

Ted Bariamis on 40480 North Fairview Street in Antioch questioned the purpose of dredging the Waterway. The Board detailed the reasons, including keeping the Waterway passable.

Rob Brison, resident on the Chain at the end of Meyer Bay. His area is in need of dredging and asked for help getting IDNR permits. He knows the list is long. He also indicated his wife was cleaning up the river and has removed 26 tires. He never heard there was a Fox Waterway clean up in the past. He also indicated that there must be more communication regarding lake level management. The Executive Director suggested he watch the website of the Agency for that type of information.

**Executive Session**

**MOTION:** Director Haling made a motion to enter into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Director Meyer. A roll call vote was taken.

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

The Motion carried at 8:39 p.m.

**MOTION:** Director Hellyer made a motion to return to open session and to adjourn the meeting, at 9:03 p.m. The Motion was seconded by Director Haling.

A roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent:

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

**Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Director Hellyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, at 9:05 p.m. The Motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken.

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

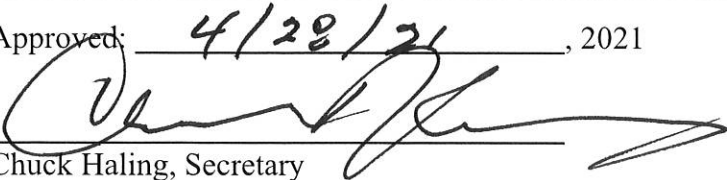
Absent:

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Approved: 4/28/21, 2021

  
Chuck Haling, Secretary