



Fox Waterway Agency

Remote/Electronic Meeting Minutes

April 28, 2021

Recording Secretary: David McArdle

1.0 Call to Order & Roll Call 7:10 p.m.

Chairman Blake

Present: Directors Chris Allen, Bill Hellyer, Christine Stochl, Chuck Haling, Jason Hettermann and Chairman Wayne Blake

Absent: Jim Meyer

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 March 24, 2021 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Stochl. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent:

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 \$1,567,306.83 through 3/31/21.

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 Haling, Stochl, Allen, Meyer, Hettermann and Hellyer

Absent:

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: March bills prepaid total \$42,163.64; April bills prepaid total \$95,823.82; additional checks paid during the month total \$161.44; and bills remaining to be paid total \$113,498.66; for a total amount of bills paid and to be paid of \$251,647.56.

MOTION: Director Meyer made a motion to ratify and pay all the outstanding bills including approval of debits and checks prepaid all totaling \$251,647.56. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent:

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

4.3 A/R Report

Director Meyer reported that the current accounts receivable as of 4/27/21 total \$3,620.

5.0 Old Business

5.1 Army Corps of Engineers and IDNR permit update.

Director Stochl informed the Board that USACOE Colonel is scheduled to visit on 6/29/21.

5.2 Wall Street development and soil processing update.

Director Allen informed the Board that:

- Entrance road is almost complete
- Dirt processing/sales are fully activated

6.0 New Business

6.1 MOTION: Director Haling made a motion to table discussion and approval of an Ordinance amending the Fox Waterway Agency Code of Rules and Regulations to add Chapter 13, Dredging Programs subject to attorney review. The motion was seconded by Director Stochl. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Abstain:

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

6.2 MOTION: Director Stochl made a motion to table discussion and approval of a Fee Structure for Dredging Programs. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent:

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

<p>6.3 MOTION: Director Hettermann made a motion to discuss pursuing a change of the Advisory Board structure and By Laws. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. Director Hetterman pointed out the existing goals of the Advisory Board including annual boat show participation, annual waterway clean up, new enhanced social media presence; new educational programs relating to boater safety and who the Agency is and what it actually does. The Advisory Board has 28 positions, and the current by-laws tend to restrict filling those positions, so advice from the Board is being sought on changing the qualification criteria for Advisory Board members in the future. This matter will be brought up again at a future meeting. No roll call vote was taken.</p>
<p>6.4 MOTION: Director Hellyer made a motion to approve John Maguire as a new member of the FWA Advisory Board. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Allen, Meyer, Hettermann, and Hellyer</p> <p>Absent:</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p>
<p>6.5 MOTION: Director Meyer made a motion to discuss for review purposes the existing FWA investment policy. Discussion took place and the existing policy will remain in place.</p>
<p>7.0 Reports</p>
<p>7.1 Executive Director</p> <p>Executive Director reported that progress was made on two grants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grass Island \$350,000--grant secured to secure shoreline with riprap • \$500,000—grant approved for purchase of amphibious excavator
<p>7.2 Advisory Committee Reports & Recommendations</p> <p>Pat Smarto, Chairman, reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cleanup is scheduled for May 15th • 2 barges made available by Agency • Glad to have John McGuire appointed from tourism • Laura King from McHenry County Conservation also interested in joining advisory committee
<p>7.3 Field Superintendent Report</p> <p>Field Superintendent Bowman reported as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low water last month, debris removed • Buoys installed • Surveying ongoing at Grass Island • Consultant needed for endangered species permit • 2021 project work being prepared • 15 homeowners so far requested no wake buoys
<p>8.0 Directors Reports</p>

8.1 Directors

- Director Haling – pamphlets distributed to park district
- Director Stochl – out of state fisherman questioned availability of one-month permits @ discounted rate
- Director Hettermann – No report
- Director Allen – supports appointment of Dan Mitchell to Board vacancy
- Director Meyer – No report
- Director Hellyer – No report

8.2 Chairman

Chairman Blake – No report

Public Comment – None

Adjournment

MOTION: Director Hellyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, at 8:40 p.m. The Motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent:

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Approved: 05/20, 2021



Chuck Haling, Secretary

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