

Fox Waterway Agency Remote/Electronic Meeting Minutes October 27, 2021

Recording Secretary: David W. McArdle

1.0 Call to Order & Roll Call 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Blake

Meeting conducted by Chairman Blake

Present: Chairman Wayne Blake, Directors Jim Meyer, Christine Stochl, Jason Hettermann, Bill Hellyer and Dan

Mitchell

Absent: Director Chuck Haling

FWA Also Present: Agency Attorney David W. 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 Hellyer made a motion to approve the September 22, 2021 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Hettermann. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye:

Directors Stochl, Hettermann, Hellyer and Mitchell

Absent:

Director Haling

Abstain:

Director Meyer

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 \$1,664,103.77 through 9/30/21.

MOTION: Director Meyer made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Mitchell. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye:

Directors Meyer, Stochl, Hettermann, Hellyer and Mitchell

Absent:

Director Haling

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: September bills prepaid total \$52,292.95; October bills prepaid total \$93,067.16; and bills remaining to be paid total \$47,519.57; for a total amount of bills paid and to be paid of \$192,879.68.

MOTION: Director Meyer made a motion to ratify and pay all the outstanding bills including approval of debits and checks prepaid all totaling \$192,879.68. The motion was seconded by Director Hellyer. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye:

Directors Meyer, Stochl, Hettermann, Hellyer and Mitchell

Absent:

Director Haling

Nay:

None

The Motion carried.

4.3 A/R Report

Director Meyer reported that the current accounts receivable as of 10/26/21 total \$7,110.30; of that amount, \$3,370.30 are aged beyond 30 days.

5.0 Old Business

5.1 DCEO Grant Update.

Director Hettermann informed the Board that:

- Grass Island: rip rap started; suspended due to hunting season
- Amphibious excavator: looking to purchase by end of November; should be ready for next spring
- Watershed grant should get the Agency another \$100,000

5.2 Wall Street development and soil processing update.

Director Hellyer informed the Board that:

- Landscaping ongoing
- \$30,000 more in dirt sales compared to 2020

5.3 Army Corps of Engineers and IDNR update.

Director Stochl informed the Board that:

- Meeting with IDNR staff set for next month
- May need independent engineer to communicate Agency issues

6.0 New Business

6.1 MOTION: Director Meyer made a motion to approve Dam, Snell & Taveirne, Ltd., 2021 FWA Audit work NTE \$10,520 and to be completed in 2022. The motion was seconded by Director Hellyer. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye:

Directors Meyer, Stochl, Hettermann, Hellyer and Mitchell

Absent:

Director Haling

Nay:

None

The Motion carried.

6.2 MOTION: Director Hettermann made a motion to table approval of the 2022 sticker color and design. The motion was seconded by Director Mitchell. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye:

Directors Meyer, Stochl, Hettermann, Hellyer and Mitchell

Absent:

Director Haling

Nay:

None

The Motion carried.

6.3 MOTION: Director Mitchell made a motion to move forward with the final FWA Headquarters facade siding project NTE \$136,000. The motion was seconded by Director Hellyer. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye:

Directors Meyer, Stochl, Hettermann, Hellyer and Mitchell

Absent:

Director Haling

Nay:

None

The Motion carried.

7.0 Reports

7.1 Executive Director

Executive Director Keller reported that:

- CMAP open house via Zoom all invited
- The Executive Director received positive IDNR calls; Greg Kelly was present at the Board meeting and welcomed.

7.2 Advisory Committee Reports & Recommendations

Chairman Smarto reported that:

- Meeting next week November 4th
- Working on sticker graphics

7.3 Field Superintendent Report

Field Superintendent Bowman reported that:

- Dredge back at L-10
- Boats and sails delayed due to hauling time; dredging will be done soon
- Moving equipment to Orchard Heights
- Waterfowl season open
- Draw down beginning 11/1/21
- Fox Lake received bids to dredge 8,500c.y. sediment in bay behind Culvers approximately \$400,000 worth of work

8.0 Directors Reports

8.1 Directors

- Director Haling Absent
- Director Meyer Due to personal/business reasons; requested Board to allow him to resign as treasurer.
- Director Stochl Pointed out employee driving issue at Routes 12/120.
- Director Hettermann None.
- Director Hellyer None.
- Director Mitchell Noted Fox Waterway only area with boat service to McDonalds and Culvers.

8.2 Chairman – None

Public Comment -

- Greg Kelly, IDNR, Regional Land Manager; asked about Chain O Lakes State Park dredging project.
- Brian Geske read memo from DNR Police, Eric Schreiber re channel near Blarneys; channel is badly silted in.
- Larkin; filling out dredging application; has questions; directed to call Field Superintendent Rob Bowman

Adjournment

MOTION: Director Haling made a motion to adjourn the meeting, at 8:10 p.m. The Motion was seconded by Director Hellyer. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye:

Directors Meyer, Stochl, Hettermann, Hellyer and Mitchell

Absent:

Director Haling

Nay:

None

The Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Approved:

, 2021

Wayne Blake, Chairman (in place of absent Director Haling, Secretary)