



# Fox Waterway Agency

## *Remote/Electronic Meeting Minutes*

September 22, 2021

**Recording Secretary:** David W. McArdle

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

Chairman Blake

**Meeting conducted by Director Haling in the absence of Chairman Blake**

**Present:** Directors Dan Mitchell, Bill Hellyer, Christine Stochl, Chuck Haling, Jason Hettermann

**Absent:** Chairman Wayne Blake, Jim Meyer

**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 Mitchell made a motion to approve the August 25, 2021 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Stochl. A roll call vote was taken.

**Aye:** Directors Haling, Stochl, Mitchell, Hettermann, and Hellyer

**Absent:** Chairman Blake, Director Meyer

**Nay:**

The Motion carried.

**4.0 Treasurer's Report & Acceptance of Bills & Other Financials**

**4.1 Approval of Treasurer's Report**

Director Mitchell provided the Treasurer's Report which reflects a cash balance of \$1,795,727.21 through 8/31/21.

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

**Aye:** Directors Haling, Stochl, Mitchell, Hettermann, Meyer and Hellyer

**Absent:** Chairman Blake, Director Meyer

**Nay:** None

The Motion carried.

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

Director Mitchell presented the monthly bills for payment and ratification of bills previously paid as follows: August bills prepaid total \$29,999.35; September bills prepaid total \$88,689.80; additional checks paid during the month total \$629.43; and bills remaining to be paid total \$63,968.29; for a total amount of bills paid and to be paid of \$183,286.87.

**MOTION:** Director Mitchell made a motion to ratify and pay all the outstanding bills including approval of debits and checks prepaid all totaling \$183,286.87. The motion was seconded by Director Stochl. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent: Chairman Blake, Director Meyer

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

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

None.

#### **5.0 Old Business**

##### **5.1 DCEO Grant Update.**

Director Hettermann informed the Board that:

- Amphib Grant– \$288,000 committed so far; Staff looking to locate/purchase and excavator this Fall to stay below \$500,000.
- Grass Island – See 6.2, below.
- 2022 grant; \$1M from state expected next year; will discuss allocation in future.

##### **5.2 Wall Street development and soil processing update.**

Director Haling informed the Board that:

- Soil sales going well; better than last year; sales approximately \$71,000.
- Ground drains well.

##### **5.3 Army Corps of Engineers and IDNR update.**

Director Stochl informed the Board that the tour went well; Kathy Chernich, Assistant Chief, LRC Mitigation Banks and eight (8) project managers attended; visited all important sites; described sediment issues.

#### **6.0 New Business**

##### **6.1 MOTION:** Director Hellyer made a motion to approve the corrected 2022 Board Meeting schedule.

The motion was seconded by Director Mitchell. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent: Chairman Blake, Director Meyer

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

<p><b>6.2 MOTION:</b> Director Hettermann made a motion to review qualified Grass Island Maintenance project bids and approve contract with the lowest responsible bidder, not to exceed \$496,526.00. The motion was seconded by Director Mitchell. A roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Mitchell, Hettermann, and Hellyer</p> <p>Absent: Chairman Blake, Director Meyer</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p>
<p><b>6.3 MOTION:</b> Director Mitchell made a motion to approve RFP draft to go out to bid on FWA Headquarters siding project. The motion was seconded by Director Stochl. A roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Mitchell, Hettermann, and Hellyer</p> <p>Absent: Chairman Blake, Director Meyer</p> <p>Nay: None</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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expressed much satisfaction about the Grass Island bidding results.</li> </ul>
<p><b>7.2 Advisory Committee Reports &amp; Recommendations</b></p> <p>Chairman Smarto reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting was conducted 9/2/21; safety was main topic; how to get the word out to the public.</li> <li>Slogans were discussed and narrowed.</li> <li>Working with artist regarding labels/patches/inserts (“Safe is Best/Wear the Vest”).</li> <li>Discussed “Designated Skipper” campaign.</li> </ul>
<p><b>7.3 Field Superintendent Report</b></p> <p>Field Superintendent Bowman reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nippersink Lake – dredging through October; machine must be back by 11/1/21.</li> <li>Boats N Saddles – two weeks left then to Dutch Creek.</li> <li>Buoy removal – October.</li> <li>Orchard Heights – continuing set up.</li> <li>Two barges with captains provided to Fishing Has No Boundaries.</li> <li>Working on 2022 dredge schedule.</li> </ul>
<p><b>8.0 Directors Reports</b></p>

### 8.1 Directors

- Director Haling – thanked FWA regarding Fishing Has No Boundaries; watch for duck blinds.
- Director Stochl – inquired about JP helping Agency check on stickers or installation of camera.
- Director Hettermann – Governor's Channel is barely navigable; needs to be on next year's list.
- Director Meyer – No report.
- Director Hellyer – No report.
- Director Mitchell – No report.

### 8.2 Chairman – No report.

### Public Comment –

- Fred Wenzell – thanked the Agency on behalf of Fleet 17.
- Mike O'Malley – Fox River Grove; new surf boats destroying his property; does FWA have any control over the locks and boat music; questioned sticker costs since his boat is registered out of state.

### Adjournment

**MOTION:** Director Hellyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, at 8:02 p.m. The Motion was seconded by Director Stochl. A roll call vote was taken.

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

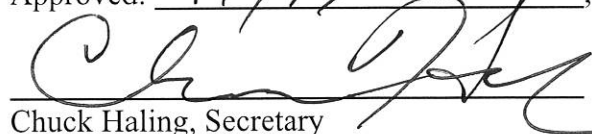
Absent: Chairman Blake, Director Meyer

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Approved: 11/17, 2021

  
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Chuck Haling, Secretary

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