

Fox Waterway Agency Remote/Electronic Meeting Minutes November 17, 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 Christine Stochl, Bill Hellyer, Chuck Haling and Dan Mitchell

Absent: Directors Jim Meyer and Jason Hettermann

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 Haling made a motion to approve the October 27, 2021 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Mitchell. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye:

Directors Stochl, Hellyer and Mitchell

Absent:

Directors Meyer and Hettermann

Abstain:

Director Haling

Nay:

None

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 \$1,553,497.96 through 10/31/21.

MOTION: Director Mitchell 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 Stochl, Hellyer, Haling and Mitchell

Absent:

Directors Meyer and Hettermann

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: October bills prepaid total \$30,039.30; November bills prepaid total \$58,891.48; and current unpaid bills totaling \$28,185.16, for a total amount of bills paid and to be paid of \$117,115.94.

MOTION: Director Mitchell made a motion to ratify and pay all the outstanding bills including approval of debits and checks prepaid all totaling \$117,115.94. The motion was seconded by Director Stochl. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Directors Stochl, Hellyer, Haling and Mitchell

Absent: Directors Meyer and Hettermann

Nay: None The Motion carried.

4.3 A/R Report

Director Mitchell reported that the current accounts receivable as of 11/16/21 total \$5,314.85; of that amount, \$3,550.30 (Lake County-fuel) are aged beyond 30 days.

5.0 Old Business

5.1 DCEO Grant Update.

Executive Director Keller informed the Board that:

- Outstanding excavator DCEO grant; still being equipped; should be ready for spring 2022
- Grass Island staff requested extension of completion--later in 2022
- Watershed grant contract should be completed by January: \$101,000

5.2 Wall Street development and soil processing update.

Director Haling informed the Board that:

• \$96,000 sales to date versus \$62,000 last year

5.3 Army Corps of Engineers and IDNR update.

Director Stochl informed the Board that:

- Date of 12/3 for meeting
- Looking to permit drying site off Nippersink- behind processing site

6.0 New Business

6.1 MOTION: Director Stochl made a motion to accept the resignation of Director Meyer as Treasurer of the FWA. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Directors Stochl, Hellyer, Haling and Mitchell

Absent: Directors Meyer and Hettermann

Nay: None The Motion carried.

6.2 MOTION: Director Hellyer made a motion to select and designate Director Mitchell as Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Directors Stochl, Hellyer, Haling and Mitchell

Absent: Directors Meyer and Hettermann

Nay: None The Motion carried.

6.3 MOTION: Director Mitchell made a motion to discuss and approve 2022 FWA sticker. The motion was seconded by Director Hellyer. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye:

Directors Stochl, Hellyer, Haling and Mitchell

Absent:

Directors Meyer and Hettermann

Nay:

None

The Motion carried.

6.4 MOTION: Director Mitchell introduced the proposed 2022 dredging projects. After Board discussion, the matter was tabled, with the approval of the Board members present, until the next meeting for final approval.

7.0 Reports

7.1 Executive Director; No report

7.2 Advisory Committee Reports & Recommendations

Chairman Smarto reported that:

- Happy with selected slogan; meeting next week regarding marketing of life vest safety program
- Boat show is scheduled at Lake County Fairgrounds in 2022
- Advisory Board recommends Rob Bryson to fill Board vacancy

7.3 Field Superintendent Report

Field Superintendent Bowman reported:

- All buoys are out of water and stowed for Winter
- Boats and sails project completed, moving equipment to Coopers (westerly cell)
- Chain O Lakes to be meeting with staff re dredging project
- Lyons Marsh issue discussed re shoreline stabilization; property owned by MCCD

8.0 Directors Reports

8.1 Directors

- Director Haling No report
- Director Meyer Absent
- Director Stochl No report
- Director Hettermann Absent
- Director Hellyer No report
- Director Mitchell Noticed dredging behind Culvers good to open business to Chain O Lakes

8.2 Chairman – No report

Public Comment -

- Bill Dam and daughter Celeste appreciates effort of FWA; presented 20 pages of petitions (200 signatures) in support of re-naming Tern Island in Grass Lake as "Blake Island". This is in honor of all the work and effort over many years that Wayne Blake has put in as Director and Chairman of the Fox Waterway Agency to help improve and maintain the Chain O' Lakes and Fox Waterway.
- Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wenzel comment re: neighbors wanting waterway dredge; Lyons Marsh mention

Adjournment

MOTION: Director Hellyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, at 8:00 p.m. The Motion was seconded

by Director Stochl. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye:

Directors Stochl, Hellyer, Haling and Mitchell

Absent:

Directors Meyer and Hettermann

Nay:

None

The Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Approved:

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Director Haling, Secretary