

Fox Waterway Agency Regular Meeting Minutes January 26, 2022

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 Chuck Haling, Jim Meyer, Christine Stochl, Jason Hettermann, Bill

Hellyer and Dan Mitchell

Absent: None

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 December 15, 2021 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Stochl. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye:

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

Absent:

None

Abstain:

None

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 \$1,179,562.45 through 12/31/21.

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

Aye:

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

Absent:

None

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: December bills prepaid total \$65,574.91; January bills prepaid total \$76,157.21; additional checks paid during the month total \$17,217.73; and current unpaid bills totaling \$63,960.08, for a total amount of bills paid and to be paid of \$222,909.93.

MOTION: Director Mitchell made a motion to ratify and pay all the outstanding bills including approval of debits and checks prepaid all totaling \$222,909.93. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye:

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

Absent:

None

Nay:

None The Motion carried.

4.3 A/R Report

Director Mitchell reported that the current accounts receivable as of 1/24/22 total \$1,350.00.

5.0 **Old Business**

5.1 DCEO Grant Update.

Executive Director Keller informed the Board that:

- The amphibious excavator is fully ordered; delivery expected at the end of March.
- Grass Island grant should be ready for Spring.
- The contractor Bruski may request additional funds due to increase in material costs; the Board discussed the matter with no specific resolution or direction.

5.2 Wall Street development update.

Director Haling informed the Board that:

- Machinery is working on the site; berm being constructed.
- Material is being delivered to the site from Coopers.

5.3 Trinski Island Regulatory Update.

Director Stochl informed the Board that:

IDNR requesting Agency to refile its application for permit; the Board discussed and is resisting the concept of starting over. Responsive correspondence back to the IDNR will be prepared.

6.0 **New Business**

6.1 MOTION: Director Mitchell made a motion to approve WRP: Damyak Challenge on July 16, 2022, and waive the sticker fees for participants in this charitable event. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye:

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

Absent:

None

Nay:

None

The Motion carried

MOTION: Director Mitchell made a motion to approve FWA 2022 preliminary budget in compliance with the Illinois Municipal Budget Act. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye:

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

Absent: Nav:

None None

The Motion carried.

6.3 MOTION: Director Hettermann made a motion to approve the proposed final 2022 dredging schedule.

The motion was seconded by Director Haling. After discussion, roll call vote was taken.

Aye:

Directors Haling, Meyer, Stochl, Hettermann, Hellver and Mitchell

Absent: None
Nay: None
The Motion carried.

7.0 Reports

7.1 Executive Director –

- Employees healthy and working.
- CMAP planning on scheduling public meetings in Spring.

7.2 Advisory Committee Reports & Recommendations

Chairman Smarto reported that:

- The Committee's next meeting is February 3rd.
- Waterway cleanup will be discussed.
- Facebook and Instagram have been active for FWA.

7.3 Field Superintendent Report

Field Superintendent Bowman reported that:

- Employees are busy at Coopers; all material going to Wall Street; Agency trucks being used to date; staff directed to consider using third party trucking.
- Board advised of a frozen boat in Nippersink Creek.

8.0 Directors Reports

8.1 Directors

- Director Haling None.
- Director Meyer -12/13 12/14 ice fishing tournament.
- Director Stochl None.
- Director Hettermann None.
- Director Hellver None.
- Director Mitchell (1) would like to change buoy line on Governors until dredging is completed. this topic will be on the next Board agenda; (2) Milwaukee Boat Show, prices high but boats selling.

8.2 Chairman – None.

Public Comment -

• Fleet 17 representative; abandoned boat owner reimburse Agency for removal cost.

Executive Session

MOTION: Director Haling made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss specific personnel issues with no action to be taken in open session thereafter. The motion was seconded by Director Meyer. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye:

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

The Motion carried at 8:30 p.m.

Adjournment

MOTION: Contemporaneously with closing the executive session, Director Hellyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, at 9:00 p.m. The Motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye:

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

Absent:

None

Nay:

None

The Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Approxed:

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Director Haling, Secretary

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