



Fox Waterway Agency

Regular Meeting Minutes

March 23, 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 February 23, 2022 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Hellyer. 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 \$1,506,186.14 through 2/28/22.

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 Haling, Meyer, Stochl, Hettermann, Hellyer and Mitchell

Absent: None

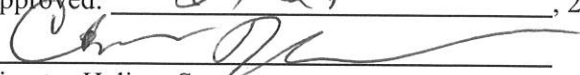
Nay: None

The Motion carried.

4.2	<p>Approval of Bills</p> <p>Director Mitchell presented the monthly bills for payment and ratification of bills previously paid as follows: February bills prepaid total \$29,192.25; March bills prepaid total \$72,638.97; additional checks paid during the month total \$89,675.14; for a total amount of bills paid and to be paid of \$191,506.36.</p> <p>MOTION: Director Mitchell made a motion to ratify and pay all the outstanding bills including approval of debits and checks prepaid all totaling \$191,506.36. The motion was seconded by Director Stochl. A roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Meyer, Stochl, Hettermann, Hellyer and Mitchell</p> <p>Absent: None</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p>
4.3	<p>A/R Report</p> <p>Director Mitchell reported that the current accounts receivable as of 3/22/22 total \$750.00 that amount is aged beyond 60 days.</p>
5.0	Old Business
5.1	<p>DCEO Grant Update.</p> <p>Director Meyer informed the Board that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FWA reimbursed \$72,000 to date; • Project start up in Spring; • Excavator to be delivered in March and FWA will apply for reimbursement afterwards.
5.2	<p>Coopers and Wall Street development update.</p> <p>Director Haling informed the Board that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coopers – large cell empty; • Off season dirt removal process good at Wall Street; • Development work to be completed by mid-summer.
5.3	<p>Status update on Trinski’s Island.</p> <p>Director Stochl informed the Board that FWA prepared studies and reports to file with IDNR (bathometric and modeling survey).</p>
6.0	New Business
6.1	<p>MOTION: Chairman Blake made a motion to recognize more than 10 years of dedicated service from FWA employee Tom Queen. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Meyer, Stochl, Hettermann, Hellyer and Mitchell</p> <p>Absent: None</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p>

6.2	<p>MOTION: Director Mitchell made a motion to approve 2022 FWA Permanent budget in compliance with the Illinois Municipal Budget Act. The motion was seconded by Director Hellyer. A roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Meyer, Stochl, Hettermann, Hellyer and Mitchell</p> <p>Absent: None</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p>
6.3	<p>MOTION: Director Hettermann made a motion to adopt an Employee Benefit/Retention Package. The motion was seconded by Director Haling, limited at this time to payment of \$20,000 as a set aside for distribution to employees to be distributed by the Executive Director. A roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Meyer, Stochl, Hettermann, Hellyer and Mitchell</p> <p>Absent: None</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p>
6.4	<p>MOTION: Director Meyer made a motion to approve WRP; Blarney Island Drag Boat Races (Thursday nights) May 26-September 20, 2022. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Meyer, Stochl, Hettermann, Hellyer and Mitchell</p> <p>Absent: None</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p>
6.5	<p>MOTION: Director Stochl made a motion to approve WRP; 5th Annual Fox Lake Triathlon on June 12, 2022 at a cost of \$500 for labor only (no equipment charges). The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Meyer, Stochl, Hettermann, Hellyer and Mitchell</p> <p>Absent: None</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p>
6.6	<p>MOTION: Director Hellyer made a motion to approve employment status change for Kevin Dutkiewicz from seasonal to full-time Waterway Maintainer. The motion was seconded by Director Stochl. A roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Meyer, Stochl, Hettermann, Hellyer and Mitchell</p> <p>Absent: None</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p>
7.0	Reports
7.1	<p>Executive Director –</p> <p>Executive Director, Joe Keller reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$75,000 received by Agency; • Cyber training conducted within staff; • Staff looking at intra-state grants.

7.2	Advisory Committee Reports & Recommendations Chairman Smarto reported that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting 4/7/22; • Finalizing cleanup sites; • Cleanup scheduled for 5/14/22.
7.3	Field Superintendent Report Field Superintendent Bowman reported that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coopers finalized 3/23/22; • Boats found in Nippersink Lake; being removed; • One boat in operation for Agency; • Much debris in river; • Some material waiting at Halings to move; • Working with Executive Director on new employees for Spring/Summer.
7.4	Economic Interest Statement Report David McArdle reported to Board members on new requirements.
8.0	Directors Reports- Director Haling – none. Director Stochl – None. Director Hettermann – None. Director Meyer – Noted the amazing bird varieties attracted to the lakes. Director Hellyer – None. Director Mitchell – Channel discussion near Nippersink being reviewed by Field Superintendent.
8.2	Chairman – personnel message.
	Public Comment – None.
	Executive Session MOTION: Director Meyer made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss specific personnel. The motion was seconded by Director Hellyer. A roll call vote was taken. Aye: Directors Haling, Meyer, Stochl, Hettermann, Hellyer and Mitchell The Motion carried at 8:06 p.m.
	Adjournment MOTION: Director Haling made a motion to adjourn the meeting, at 9: 00 p.m. The Motion was seconded by Director Hellyer 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.

Approved: 8/27, 2022

Director Haling, Secretary

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