



# **Fox Waterway Agency**

## ***Regular Meeting Minutes***

**April 27, 2022**

**Recording Secretary:** Brandy S. Quance

**1.0 Call to Order & Roll Call 7:05 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 Brandy S. Quance, 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 March 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 \$1,468,411.91 through 3/31/22.

**MOTION:** Director Mitchell made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. 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.

<b>4.2</b>	<b>Approval of Bills</b> <p>Director Mitchell presented the monthly bills for payment and ratification of bills previously paid as follows: March bills prepaid total \$48,492.00; April bills prepaid total \$129,117.55; additional checks paid during the month total \$820.43; and bills remaining to be paid total \$677,993.82; for a total amount of bills paid and to be paid of \$856,423.80.</p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> Director Mitchell made a motion to ratify and pay all the outstanding bills including approval of debits and checks prepaid all totaling \$856,423.80. 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>
<b>4.3</b>	<b>A/R Report</b> <p>Director Mitchell reported that the current accounts receivable as of 4/26/22 total \$-0-.</p>
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Old Business</b>
<b>5.1</b>	<b>DCEO Grant Update.</b> <p>Director Meyer informed the Board that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amphib coming next week.</li> <li>• Grass Island restarting in July (delayed due to bird nesting season).</li> <li>• Joe submitting for grants for building (i.e., Wall Street).</li> </ul>
<b>5.2</b>	<b>Wall Street and Cooper's Farm update.</b> <p>Director Haling informed the Board that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wall Street very wet right now.</li> <li>• Cooper's Farm – adding to backside of berm/stabilization.</li> </ul>
<b>6.0</b>	<b>New Business</b>
<b>6.1</b>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> Director Haling made a motion to approve and waive fees for 20 One-Day stickers for the Take A Vet Fishing event on May 14, 2022. The motion was seconded by Director Mitchell. 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>

<b>6.2</b>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> Director Hettermann made a motion to discuss and approve Northwater Consultants to research, write and engineer the Watershed Plan for NTE \$169,500. 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>
<b>6.3</b>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> Director Stochl made a motion to discuss and approve Geosyntec Consultants proposal to complete hydraulic modeling and bathymetric surveying for ongoing work required on the Trinski's Island project NTE \$17,000. 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>
<b>6.4</b>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> Chairman Blake made a motion to discuss and possibly approve hiring of Project Manager to assist the FWA and Northwater Consultants in the Watershed Planning process. The motion was seconded by Director _____. A roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye:</p> <p>Absent: None</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>The Motion failed for lack of a second.</p>
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Reports</b>
<b>7.1</b>	<p><b>Executive Director –</b></p> <p>Executive Director, Joe Keller reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Excited about the Watershed Plan and thank you to Pat Smarto.</li> <li>• Thank you to Ralph re Lion's shed.</li> <li>• Anticipate money for budget from lobbyist.</li> </ul>
<b>7.2</b>	<p><b>Advisory Committee Reports &amp; Recommendations</b></p> <p>Chairman Smarto reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cleanup May 14<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• Advisory Committee excited about 319 Plan; presentation June 19<sup>th</sup> from Pistakee Bay Club IEPA.</li> <li>• Next meeting May 5<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul>

### 7.3 Field Superintendent Report

Field Superintendent Bowman reported that:

- Water cleanup taking place, getting equipment ready and buoys in.
- Some dredging, but need better weather to dry out.
- Wall Street maintenance and Cooper's Farm berm supplementation.
- Water levels up (lower – no wake).
- Four jobs posted on website; limited applicants.

### 8.0 Directors Reports-

Director Haling – Cleanup of blinds from Grass Lake.

Director Stochl – How can FWA become a taxing body for cleanup funds?

Director Hettermann – Thank you to those working on cleanup.

Director Meyer – None.

Director Hellyer – Coast Guard Auxiliary do safety check May 21<sup>st</sup>.

Director Mitchell – None.

### 8.2 Chairman – None.

### Public Comment –

Smarto – Why is Pearl Street bridge closed? Joe will check if doing work in water.

Ralph -- \$26,000 less year to date because of sticker sales? Yes.

### Adjournment

**MOTION:** Director Hellyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, at 8:15 p.m. The Motion was seconded by Director Haling. The Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Approved:  5/25, 2022

Director Haling, Secretary

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