



Fox Waterway Agency

Regular Meeting Minutes

May 25, 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, and Bill Hellyer

Absent: Director Dan Mitchell

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 April 27, 2022 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Hellyer. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent: Director Dan Mitchell

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 Stochl provided the Treasurer's Report which reflects a cash balance of \$1,413,292.90 through 4/30/22.

MOTION: Director Stochl 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, and Hellyer

Absent: Director Dan Mitchell

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

4.2	<p>Approval of Bills</p> <p>Director Stochl presented the monthly bills for payment and ratification of bills previously paid as follows: April bills prepaid total \$24,710.91; May bills prepaid total \$82,291.00; additional checks paid during the month total \$432.98; and bills remaining to be paid total \$46,892.78; for a total amount of bills paid and to be paid of \$154,327.67.</p> <p>MOTION: Director Haling made a motion to ratify and pay all the outstanding bills including approval of debits and checks prepaid all totaling \$154,327.67. The motion was seconded by Director Stochl. A roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Meyer, Stochl, Hettermann, and Hellyer</p> <p>Absent: Director Dan Mitchell</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p>
4.3	<p>A/R Report</p> <p>Executive Director Keller reported that the current accounts receivable as of 5/24/22 total \$4,600.00.</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"> Grass Island work to again begin in July and scheduled for completion in September; Brucekis to be paid not more than \$12,000. Amphibious Excavator working at L-10; staff is looking for credit on machine because of issues found after delivery of equipment.
.2	<p>Wall Street and Cooper's Farm update.</p> <p>Director Haling: Wall Street property is in operation, but wet weather has made work difficult. Discussed funding of structures to be built on the property.</p>
.3	<p>Trinski Island Bathymetry and Modeling update.</p> <p>Director Stochl informed the Board that engineers are working on survey and bathymetry work</p>
6.0	New Business
6.1	<p>MOTION: Director Hettermann made a motion to approve Neil Moulis as a new member of the FWA Advisory Board. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Meyer, Stochl, Hettermann, and Hellyer</p> <p>Absent: Director Dan Mitchell</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p>
6.2	<p>MOTION: Director Hellyer made a motion to approve a WRP for Pistakee Bay Fireworks on July 9, 2022, rain date July 14, 2022. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Meyer, Stochl, Hettermann, and Hellyer</p> <p>Absent: Director Dan Mitchell</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p>

6.3	<p>MOTION: Director Hettermann made a motion to approve a WRP for the Boat House Chicago Shake the Lake Event July 8 & 9, 2022, so long as music ends by 8:00 p.m. Rain dates are July 23 & 24, 2022 and waiver of all fees for the event. All donations will be given back to the FWA for the Clean Water Initiative. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Meyer, Stochl, Hettermann, and Hellyer</p> <p>Absent: Director Dan Mitchell</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p>
6.4	<p>MOTION: Director Stochl made a motion to approve a WRP for Celebrate Fox Lake on July 2, 2022 and waiver of all fees for the event. The motion was seconded by Director Hellyer. A roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Meyer, Stochl, Hettermann, and Hellyer</p> <p>Absent: Director Dan Mitchell</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p>
6.5	<p>MOTION: After discussion by the Board, Director Haling made a motion to table the issue of assistance with Fishing Has No Boundaries event scheduled for Saturday, September 10, 2022, and requested waiver of One-Day Class J (up to 25') stickers. The motion to table was seconded by Director Hellyer. A roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Meyer, Stochl, Hettermann, and Hellyer</p> <p>Absent: Director Dan Mitchell</p> <p>Nay: None</p>
6.6	<p>MOTION: After discussion by the Board, Director Haling made a motion to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate a mobilization related change order with Bruceskis, for work on the Grass Island Project, not to exceed \$12,000, subject to meeting the scheduled completion date of September 1, 2022. The motion was seconded by Director Hellyer. A roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Meyer, Stochl, Hettermann, and Hellyer</p> <p>Absent: Director Dan Mitchell</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"> • New employee started. • Watershed grant totaling \$103,000 looks like it will be awarded in June, 2022; contractor is already working to survey impaired and impacted areas. • Agency staff is searching for state funding of FWA building construction.

7.2 Advisory Committee Reports & Recommendations

Chairman Smarto reported that:

- May 14th clean up went well with board involvement but poor public involvement; alternatives to get the public more involved was discussed.
- June 18th, Pistakee Yacht Club presentation – IEPA presenter.
- July 7th next meeting date.

7.3 Field Superintendent Report

Field Superintendent Bowman reported that:

- Crews are completing installation of waterway buoys.
- Customer concerns will be more directly addressed after buoy installation completed.
- July 7th boat tour scheduled.
- Shorelines being surveyed, identification of unprotected and diminished shorelines.
- June 12 – WRP, triathlon being conducted.
- Staff hired a new mechanic.

8.0 Directors Reports-

Director Haling – None.

Director Stochl – None.

Director Hettermann – Discussed no wake hours during WRPs.

Director Meyer – Opined that no wake hours for WRP should be extended until 6:00 a.m. the following day. Some board members thought that enforcement in the later hours would be difficult.

Director Hellyer – Discussed safety checks by Coast Guard at Broken Oar.

Director Mitchell – Absent.

8.2 Chairman – None.

Public Comment –

Ralph Wenxel– discussed funding alternatives.

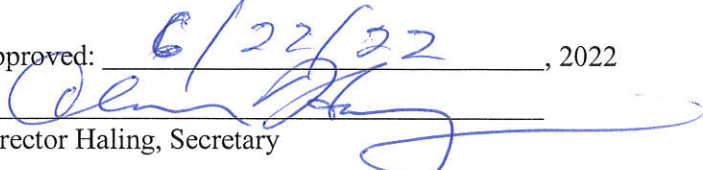
Ron DeGeorge – first meeting; from Spring Grove; would like to get more involved in waterway issues/concerns.

Adjournment

MOTION: Director Hellyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, at 8:20 p.m. The Motion was seconded by Director Haling. A voice vote was taken, hearing none opposed, the Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Approved: 6/22/22, 2022


Director Haling, Secretary

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