



Fox Waterway Agency

Regular Meeting Minutes

July 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 June 22, 2022 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Mitchell. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent: None

Abstain: Meyer

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 \$1,899,401.95 through 6/30/22. Sticker sales are down approximately \$100,000 and ways to increase sales and deterrents/enforcement were discussed.

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: June bills prepaid total \$56,894.08; July bills prepaid total \$91,824.39; additional checks paid during the month total \$-0-; and bills remaining to be paid total \$96,423.65; for a total amount of bills paid and to be paid of \$245,142.12.</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 \$245,142.12. The motion was seconded by Director Meyer. 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 balance of the accounts receivable as of 7/26/22 totals \$11,155.99 of that amount, \$150.00 is aged beyond 30 days.</p>
5.0	Old Business
5.1	<p>DCEO Grant Update.</p> <p>Director Meyer informed the Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waiting for \$4,000 reimbursement for sod from Fox Lake. • Go ahead issued for Grass Lake as of July 1st. • Need to finish by September 1st, so Bruceski's needs to start soon. May need to pull the bond. • Need to get plan in place for new building construction; could get \$1 million - \$1.3 million in grants, but need to be shovel ready with projects.
5.2	<p>Wall Street and Cooper's Farm update.</p> <p>Director Haling informed the Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sales of soil down. • Working with Lake County on permitting issues. • Still dredging in Grass Lake.
5.3	<p>Trinski Island Bathymetry and Modeling update.</p> <p>Director Stochl informed the Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trinski Island – hopeful work will be completed next week. • Next steps, IDNR will review for essentially 6 months.
5.4	<p>Watershed Plan update.</p> <p>Director Hettermann informed the Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 kick-off meetings, lots of interest by government agencies, homeowners, etc. to fund this and to get further money for the Chain. • Next meeting 8/16.
6.0	New Business

6.1	<p>MOTION: Director Stochl made a motion to approve WRP: 2022 Village of Fox Lake Cardboard Races, August 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>
6.2	<p>MOTION: Director Hellyer made a motion to approve a donation of \$300 for Fleet 17 for Venetian Night. 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>
6.3	<p>MOTION: Director Mitchell discussed Dam, Snell and Taveirne management letter.</p>
6.4	<p>MOTION: Director Mitchell made a motion to approve 2021 audit report. 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: After discussion, Director Meyer made a motion to offer a change order to Bruceski's to handle fuel needs for the month of August by either A) a change order increasing the price for fuel by \$10,308.16 pursuant to engineer's estimate; or B) deduction of \$35,000 from contract price and FWA provide diesel and gas fuel for Grass Island Project. 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>
7.0	Reports
7.1	<p>Executive Director –</p> <p>Executive Director, Joe Keller reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirmed terms of counteroffer to deduct fuel cost and FWA would provide the fuel or change order to not to exceed \$10,308.16. Discussed phone call with Lobbyist and House Budget Director Mark Jarman regarding \$1 million budget and getting it this year.

7.2 Advisory Committee Reports & Recommendations

Chairman Smarto reported:

- Dam tour on the 7th was a success.
- Next meeting not until September 1st.
- People ready to participate with the watershed.
- Shake the Lake raised \$2,000 for the watershed.

7.3 Field Superintendent Report

Field Superintendent Bowman reported:

- Dutch Creek work ending this week or next; Nippersink project next on schedule.
- Fireworks went well, but sign was damaged, so the FWA is requesting reimbursement. This item will be placed on next agenda to discuss.
- Will investigate permits needed for winter work to temporarily store material on wetlands.

8.0 Directors Reports

8.1

Director Haling – Saturday duck blind drawing at Chain O'Lakes State Park @ Oak Point.

Director Stochl – None.

Director Hettermann – Meeting with Village of Johnsbury for Dutch Creek Bay and other problem areas and people seem to be working in same direction. Wants everyone to brainstorm for a better system of dredging rather than employees remaining idle, waiting on each other.

Director Meyer – Spent time on water but he is very concerned regarding boaters putting cans and bottles on the bridges.

Director Hellyer – None.

Director Mitchell – Thanked Pat and Advisory Board for the dam tour.

8.2 Chairman –

- Phone call with House Budget Director, discussed tourism and need to put money towards it.
- Thanked Joe and family for the parade.

Public Comment –

Sue Ferguson/Lake Monster – channels overloaded with weeds; homeowners willing to pay. They harvest the weeds so they do not fall to the bottom and lessen the water level.

Ken Padesna – customer of Ms. Ferguson; weeds are terrible; can't use the boats because of how bad it gets.

Adjournment

MOTION: Director Hellyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Meyer, at 9:20 p.m.; All voted Aye.

Approved:  , 2022

Director Haling, Secretary