



Fox Waterway Agency

Regular Meeting Minutes

August 24, 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 July 27, 2022 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Mitchell. 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 \$1,298,889.45 through 7/31/22.

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: July bills prepaid total \$33,813.98; August bills prepaid total \$80,594.00; additional checks paid during the month total \$156.83; and bills remaining to be paid total \$77,399.71; for a total amount of bills paid and to be paid of \$191,964.52.</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 \$191,964.52. 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>
4.3	<p>A/R Report</p> <p>Director Mitchell reported that the balance of the seven (7) accounts receivable as of 8/23/22 totals \$3,750.00 of that amount, \$-0- 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"> • FWA submitted \$500,000 reimbursement request – Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. • Bruski is scheduled to complete work by the end of September. • Capital Grant L-10/Wall Street in the works; looking to request bids this Fall; partial wall rebuild is specified.
5.2	<p>Wall Street and Cooper's Farm update.</p> <p>Director Haling informed the Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Street – Activity and sales are down. • Cooper's Farm – Site almost cleared; off season work needs to be done to clean up site.
5.3	<p>Trinski Island Bathymetry and Modeling update.</p> <p>Director Stochl informed the Board that work completed and the permit is expected next summer-2023. The IDNR seemed positive and helpful.</p>
5.4	<p>Watershed Plan update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director Hettermann reported that the next meeting is scheduled for September 14th at 6:00 p.m. at the FWA office; • \$168,000 received from grant; \$60,000 due from FWA; more pledges are expected over the next two years.
6.0	New Business

6.1	<p>MOTION: Director Haling made a motion for approval to initiate bidding on engineering for L-10 and process for Wall Street pole barns, not to exceed \$15,000. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. After discussion, 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"> • Office staff working on off season work. • Joe still working with Springfield to receive \$1M grant in 2022 to use outside contracting for dredging.
7.2	<p>Advisory Committee Reports & Recommendations</p> <p>Chairman Smarto reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watershed conference scheduled for 9/14; two sessions 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.; information on website—www.foxchainwatershed.com. • Next Advisory meeting is scheduled for September 1, 2022.
7.3	<p>Field Superintendent Report</p> <p>Field Superintendent Bowman reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dutch Creek dredging is completed. • Orchard Heights/Nippersink Creek projects next. The proposed load out site is ready. • Winter dredging may take place at Nippersink Creek. • Grass, Marie Channel work doing well. • One full-time employee resigned.
8.0	Directors Reports
8.1	<p>Director Haling – Hunting blinds are starting to be seen on the chain.</p> <p>Director Stochl – Noted that the large group of wave runners did a good job operating their machines.</p> <p>Director Hettermann – Dutch Creek project was well done; suggested the Agency come up with a plan for to encourage employees to stay on with the Agency as their employer.</p> <p>Director Meyer – Suggested that high water runoff is largely contributed by County and Municipalities granting impervious variations within their jurisdictions.</p> <p>Director Hellyer – None.</p> <p>Director Mitchell – Noted that the annual financial report received.</p>
8.2	Chairman – No report.

Public Comment –

Mr. and Mrs. Szramek – Pleasant View Channel; speaking for at least 20 other residents present at the meeting; This channel is closing up to boats, largely due to a torn geo-tube contributing to problem.

Jeff Chuma – Lives at end of channel; 20" water present where he lives.

Judy Anderson – 56 year resident.

Steve S. – Fox River Road, Cary; representing several residents; would like his channel considered this fall.

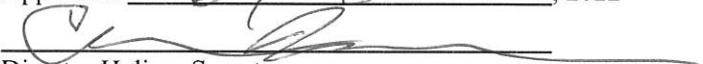
Pete Pechotta – Fox River Road, Cary; detailed concerns.

Don Samuleson – Hanky Panky Bay; asked how many projects are ready to be worked on by FWA; Rob responded 12 ready to go; many other applications are incomplete but pending.

Adjournment

MOTION: Chairman Blake made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Hellyer, at 8:35 p.m.; all voted Aye.

Approved: 9/20, 2022


Director Haling, Secretary

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