



Fox Waterway Agency

Regular Meeting Minutes

September 28, 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 August 24, 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 \$1,283,871.00 through 8/31/22.

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: August bills prepaid total \$49,286.18; September bills prepaid total \$85,207.80; additional checks paid during the month total \$169.95; and bills remaining to be paid total \$465,333.79; for a total amount of bills paid and to be paid of \$599,997.72.</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 \$599,997.72. 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 balance of the accounts receivable as of 9/27/22 totals \$9,593.40, of that amount, \$-0- is aged beyond 30 days.</p>
5.0	Old Business
5.1	<p>DCEO Grant Updates.</p> <p>Director Meyer informed the Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$500,000 for amphibious excavator received. • \$350,000 reimbursement being requested by Agency. • \$3M capital grant for buildings being requested. • Clean up funding being research.
5.2	<p>Wall Street and Cooper's Farm update.</p> <p>Director Haling informed the Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soil sales approximately \$35,000 in revenue received; short of expectation of \$100,000. • Wall Street and L-10; documentation submitted to State for potential funding of building construction.
5.3	<p>Trinski Island planning update.</p> <p>Director Stochl informed the Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IDNR planning meeting conducted, 11-15 acre island planned, final cost in range of \$25,000 -- \$30,000; permit expected 2023.
5.4	<p>Watershed Plan update.</p> <p>Director Hettermann reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 meetings conducted; next meeting scheduled on October 27th; focal point centered on increasing waterway clean up attendance; working on pamphlet distribution to individuals and municipalities.
6.0	New Business

6.1	<p>MOTION: Director Haling made a motion to approve up to 45 One-Day stickers at a reduced rate for the ICASSTT High School Fishing Tournament out of Musky Tales in Antioch on October 2, 2022. The motion was seconded by Director Mitchell. 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>
6.2	<p>MOTION: Director Stochl made a motion to approve the 2023 Board Meeting Schedule. 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>
6.3	<p>MOTION: Director Meyer made a motion to approve the 2023 FWA Holiday Schedule. The motion was seconded by Director Hellyer. 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>
6.4	<p>MOTION: Director Haling made a motion to approve final payment for the Grass Island Restoration project totaling \$50,012.77, contingent on the Agency receiving final mechanics lien waivers from the general and sub-contractors and all close out paperwork. The motion was seconded by Director Hellyer. 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>
6.5	<p>MOTION: Director Hettermann made a motion to discuss and approve repair work for the John Deere 270 excavator not to exceed \$58,836.20 for parts and labor. The motion was seconded by Director Hellyer. 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>
6.6	<p>MOTION: Director Mitchell lead a discussion regarding possible increase in 2023 sticker prices. After discussion, a consensus was reached as to a 20% increase across the all sticker prices with direction to bring back a draft ordinance reflecting the increase, the projected increase in revenue and possible consolidation of sticker categories to simplify the process.</p>
6.7	<p>MOTION: Director Hellyer led a discussion regarding alternative means of enforcing purchase and display of FWA stickers by users. Alternatives included more participation by County and State officials (County Sheriffs and IDNR boat patrols/Dam employee) with reimbursement via increased fines, and possible use of bridge cameras. Also discussed was more noticeable boat stickers.</p>

7.0 Reports
7.1 Executive Director – Executive Director, Joe Keller reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted that equipment to work soil farm has been fully operational all year. • \$20,000 grant tied to clean up/advertising being sought. • Report on work boat debt discussed.
7.2 Advisory Committee Reports & Recommendations Chairwoman Smarto reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting November 3, 2022. • Pat would like to be referred to as Chair or Chairwoman on agenda and minutes.
7.3 Field Superintendent Reported on status of current projects. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See notes of Superintendent.
8.0 Directors Reports
8.1 Director Haling – Agency worked well at Fishing has no Boundaries – appreciated. Director Stochl – River Shiver this weekend. Director Hettermann – McHenry Township discussed re partnering on dredging projects. Director Meyer – No report. Director Hellyer – No report. Director Mitchell – No report.
8.2 Chairman – No report.
Public Comment – <u>Alex S.</u> – Johnsburg; creek down to 6”; need packet to apply for dredging. <u>Steve S.</u> – River Road, Cary; island disappearing; applications completed.
Adjournment MOTION: Chairman Blake made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Hellyer, at 8:45 p.m.; all voted Aye.

Approved: 10/27/22, 2022

[Signature]
 Director Haling, Secretary

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