



Fox Waterway Agency

Regular Meeting Minutes

October 26, 2022

Recording Secretary: Brandy S. Quance

1.0 Call to Order & Roll Call 7:03 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 Public Hearing. Final discussion and possible action on changing user permit sticker fees for all classes of boats and watercraft.

MOTION: Director Meyer made a motion to open public hearing. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. Discussion by Director Meyer combining classes and listed fees. Public discussion was held.

Quinton Podraza, Fox Lake – When will they give a senior discount?

Sandy Rita, Algonquin – Why are you raising the rates? What are the processing fees?

Executive Director explained rates have not been raised in 6 years.

Director Hettermann explained the FWA is pursuing other sources of revenue also.

Mike Shields, Ingelside – Fees decreased, asked why?

Director Mitchell answered we did not know.

Ron DeGeorge, Spring Grove – How are fees enforced?

Chairman Blake explained enforcement and discussed how other areas are being explored (i.e., not able to go through locks without sticker).

Ron DeGeorge – understood.

Rob Grayson – What is included in non-motorized?

Executive Director replied kayaks.

Rob Grayson – Asked about fine “up to \$500.” How is that determined?

Chairman Blake explained it was determined by the judge.

Seeing no other questions, the public discussion was closed. Counterfeiting was discussed. Director Hettermann asked about commercial stickers for dealers and if it should be increased. Director Hettermann asked about a discount for multiple boats. Director Stohl asked about making a dealership sticker. Executive Director said consolidated.

Public hearing was closed.

4.0 Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Director Haling made a motion to approve the September 28, 2022 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Hettermann. A roll call vote was taken.

<p>Aye: Directors Haling, Meyer, Stochl, Hettermann, Hellyer and Mitchell</p> <p>Absent: None</p> <p>Abstain: None</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p>	
5.0 Treasurer's Report & Acceptance of Bills & Other Financials	
5.1 Approval of Treasurer's Report	<p>Director Mitchell provided the Treasurer's Report which reflects a cash balance of \$1,255,383.86 through 9/30/22.</p> <p>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.</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>
5.2 Approval of Bills	<p>Director Mitchell presented the monthly bills for payment and ratification of bills previously paid as follows: September bills prepaid total \$32,254.81; October bills prepaid total \$76,961.06; additional checks paid during the month total \$396.10; and bills remaining to be paid total \$92,886.13; for a total amount of bills paid and to be paid of \$202,498.10.</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 \$202,498.10. 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>
5.3 A/R Report	<p>Director Mitchell reported that the balance of the accounts receivable as of 10/25/22 totals \$5,390.00, of that amount, \$820.00 is aged beyond 30 days.</p>
6.0 Old Business	
6.1 DCEO Grant Updates.	<p>Director Meyer informed the Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waiting on \$270,000 reimbursement for Grass Island restoration, \$4,000 for FWA siding. • Waiting on paperwork for other DCEO grants.
6.2 Wall Street and Cooper's Farm update.	<p>Director Haling informed the Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Street, \$3,000 soil sales. • Drawings and plans moving along. • Cooper's Farm, breaking down equipment now.

6.3	Watershed Plan update. Director Hettermann informed the Board: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting tomorrow on clean water initiative. • Positive feedback. • Meeting deadlines.
7.0	New Business
7.1	MOTION: Director Mitchell made a motion to approve Ordinance amending Chapter 4 of the FWA Code increasing User Fees. The motion was seconded by Director Meyer. No discussion, a roll call vote was taken. Aye: Directors Haling, Meyer, Stochl, Hettermann, Hellyer and Mitchell Absent: None Nay: None The Motion carried.
7.2	MOTION: Director Stochl made a motion to discuss and approve Trinski's Island RFP for Engineering Services to Geosyntec, \$34,700. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. After discussion, a roll call vote was taken. Aye: Directors Haling, Meyer, Stochl, Hettermann, Hellyer and Mitchell Absent: None Nay: None The Motion carried.
7.3	MOTION: Director Hellyer made a motion to discuss and approve 2023 FWA sticker color (bright green and a hologram so hard to copy). The motion was seconded by Director Haling. After discussion, a roll call vote was taken. Aye: Directors Haling, Meyer, Stochl, Hettermann, Hellyer and Mitchell Absent: None Nay: None The Motion carried.
8.0	Reports
8.1	Executive Director – Executive Director Keller reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • User fee required signs discussed and direction provided. • Watershed plan discussed. • Lobbyist working on getting money promised. May come as a capital grant.
8.2	Advisory Committee Reports & Recommendations Director Hettermann reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advisory Board meeting November 3 for boat show.

8.3 Field Superintendent Report.

Superintendent Bowman reported:

- Buoys out, washed and stored.
- Demobilizing dredge.
- Winter drawdown started November 1.
- Next month presenting 2023 dredging projects to the Board.
- Cooper, need to prepare for next year.

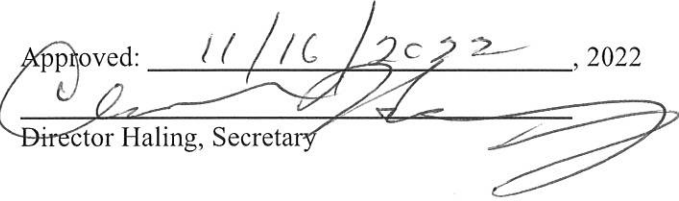
9.0 Directors Reports--None

Public Comment – None.

Adjournment

MOTION: Director Hellyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Haling, at 8:20 p.m.; all voted Aye.

Approved: 11/16/2022, 2022


Director Haling, Secretary