

# Fox Waterway Agency Regular Meeting Minutes November 16, 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 member Rob Bryson

#### 2.0 Pledge of Allegiance

#### 3.0 Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Director Haling made a motion to approve the October 26, 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 \$1,104,791.61 through 10/31/22.

**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.

Ave:

Directors Haling, Meyer, Stochl, Hettermann, Hellyer and Mitchell

Absent:

None

Nay:

None

The Motion carried.

## 4.2 Approval of Bills

Director Mitchell presented the monthly bills for payment and ratification of bills previously paid as follows: October bills prepaid total \$30,865.54; November bills prepaid total \$56,962.62; additional checks paid during the month total \$593.34; and bills remaining to be paid total \$76,200.88; for a total amount of bills paid and to be paid of \$164,622.38.

**MOTION:** Director Mitchell made a motion to ratify and pay all the outstanding bills including approval of debits and checks prepaid all totaling \$164,622.38. The motion was seconded by Director Stochl. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye:

Directors Haling, Meyer, Stochl, Hettermann, Hellyer and Mitchell

Absent:

None

Nay:

None

The Motion carried.

#### 4.3 A/R Report

Director Mitchell reported that the balance of the accounts receivable as of 11/15/22 totals \$4,883.76 of that amount, \$2,220.00 is aged beyond 30 days.

#### 5.0 Old Business

## 5.1 DCEO Grant Updates.

Director Meyer informed the Board:

- FWA received balance of existing grant in the sum of \$277,000.
- Still waiting for building grant; design 90% complete.

# 5.2 Wall Street and Cooper's Farm update.

Director Haling informed the Board:

- Wall Street no report.
- County plan submittal still pending.

#### 5.3 Watershed Plan update.

Director Hettermann informed the Board:

- IEPA seems satisfied with FWA progress.
- Public information meetings going well.

#### 6.0 New Business

**6.1 MOTION:** Director Hettermann made a motion to appoint Anne Baston, Secretary of the Advisory Board, and as a commissioner of the FWA Ethics Commission. 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.

**MOTION:** Director Stochl made a motion to approve the 2023 Advisory Board meeting schedule. 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

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None

The Motion carried.

- **MOTION:** The Board entertained a presentation and discussion of employee Health Insurance and HSA options. After discussion with Mike Carbon, FWA consultant, and Charles Jurkus, BC/BS, the matter was tabled to the next meeting.
- 6.4 MOTION: The Board discussed in detail 2023 dredging projects with presentation by Rob Bowman. After discussion, the matter was tabled to the next meeting for more detail, at the request of Director Meyer, relating to number of dredging days allocated to each project. This will give the Board needed information to prioritize projects for the 2023 boating season.
- 7.0 Reports
- 7.1 **Executive Director** No new information.

## 7.2 Advisory Committee Reports & Recommendations

Rob Bryson, Committee Member, reported:

• The next watershed educational/information meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2023, regarding shoreline stabilization. Also, the subcommittee is meeting on goals for the Committee.

# 7.3 Field Superintendent Report.

- Nippersink Creek project progressing.
- Orchard Heights project progressing.
- Staff still working on mechanical dredging and will do so until a hard freeze prevents further work on the Chain.

#### 8.0 Directors Reports.

Director Haling – Noted JP at the State/lock did well keeping water level high this year. Remaining Directors – No report.

#### Public Comment -

- Rob Mailing, Spring Grove Hill N Dale Cove
- Valarie Machelski Holiday Hills
- See attached letter from All in Pub & Grub

**Adjournment--**Director Hellyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Haling, at 8:30 p.m.; all voted Aye.

Approved:

, 2022

Director Haling, Secretary