



Fox Waterway Agency

Regular Meeting Minutes

December 14, 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 November 16, 2022 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Stochl. 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 \$1,211,957.54 through 11/30/22.

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: November bills prepaid total \$83,815.61; December bills prepaid total \$35,215.98; additional checks paid during the month total \$15,784.29; and bills remaining to be paid total \$74,654.20; for a total amount of bills paid and to be paid of \$209,470.08.</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 \$209,470.08. 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 on the accounts receivable, and none are 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"> • \$850,000 received to date; projects are completed, and equipment was received. • \$2M being applied for in 2023.
5.2	<p>Wall Street and Cooper's Farm update.</p> <p>Director Haling: The Wall Street building financing/plans are still being pursued.</p>
5.3	<p>Watershed Plan update.</p> <p>Director Hettermann:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan moving along; fewer meetings being conducted. • Training sessions are planned for January and February. • Goal setting exercises ongoing.
5.3	<p>Trinski Island Plan update.</p> <p>Director Stochl: Geotech engineers making progress on plan and cost estimates.</p>
6.0	New Business
6.1	<p>MOTION: After significant discussion by the Board, Director Haling made a motion to authorize the Executive Director to work with the Chairman to purchase a service truck for a price not to exceed \$150K, with Board direction and preference for a used vehicle, if possible. The motion was seconded by Director Stochl. A roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Hellyer and Mitchell</p> <p>Absent: None</p> <p>Nay: Director Meyer</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p>
6.2	<p>MOTION: After more discussion on equipment, Chairman Blake tabled, to the January meeting, action on the possible rental and/or purchase agreement for a 2019 John Deere 750 bulldozer.</p>

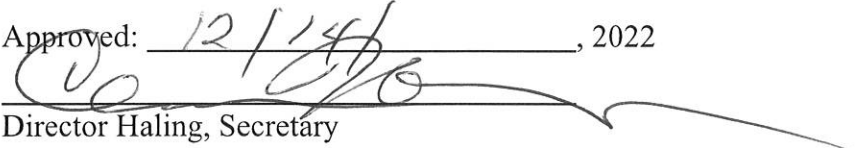
6.3	<p>MOTION: Director Mitchell made a motion to discuss, with possible approval, of a mobile pay option including penalty for boaters in violation of FWA Sticker Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Director Hellyer. After discussion, a roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Meyer, Stochl, Hettermann, Hellyer and Mitchell</p> <p>Absent: None</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p>
6.4	<p>MOTION: After discussion by and with Director Hellyer regarding alternatives/advantages of modifying the existing FWA Health Insurance/employee benefit package, the Chairman tabled action on this issue until the January Board meeting for further information from the Executive Director.</p>
6.5	<p>MOTION: Director Mitchell made a motion to discuss 2023 FWA Preliminary Budget. 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	Executive Director: None.
7.2	<p>Advisory Committee Reports & Recommendations</p> <p>Rob Bryson, Member, reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2/2/23 next Advisory Board meeting. • The Advisory Board is looking for more volunteer activities for interested people.
7.3	<p>Field Superintendent Report.</p> <p>Rob Bowman, reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He and the Executive Director met with Greg Kelly, Region 2 manager, DNR; Mr. Kelly plans on retiring at end of year, with a replacement to be named. • The Agency office will be closed from 12/25 – 12/30. • Noted that the IDNR has planned an extensive project at Chain O Lakes State Park; construction to begin in 2025. • Orchard Heights – project completed; equipment moving to Halings. • All boats are out of the water for the season
8.0	<p>Directors Reports.</p> <p>Director Haling – None.</p> <p>Director Stochl – None.</p> <p>Director Hettermann – Johnsburg Christmas parade went well with FWA truck participation.</p> <p>Director Meyer – Thanked staff.</p> <p>Director Hellyer – Thanked staff, good budget position.</p> <p>Director Mitchell – None.</p> <p>Chairman – None.</p>

Public Comment –

- Fox River Grove residents – announced that channel owners/residents have raised \$20,000 for future dredging; adjoining channels also raising money.

Adjournment – Director Hellyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Haling, at 9:00 p.m.; all voted Aye.

Approved: 12/14/20, 2022


Director Haling, Secretary