



Fox Waterway Agency

Regular Meeting Minutes

January 25, 2023

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 Chairwoman Pat Smarto

2.0 Pledge of Allegiance

3.0 Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Director Haling made a motion to approve the December 14, 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 \$1,012,905.21 through 12/31/22.

MOTION: Director Mitchell made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Hellyer. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent: None

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

4.2	Approval of Bills <p>Director Mitchell presented the monthly bills for payment and ratification of bills previously paid as follows: December bills prepaid total \$69,353.03; January bills prepaid total \$66,388.14; additional checks paid during the month total \$30,315.48; and bills remaining to be paid total \$60,242.69; for a total amount of bills paid and to be paid of \$226,299.34.</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 \$226,299.34. 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>
4.3	A/R Report <p>Director Mitchell reported on the accounts receivable, and \$0 are aged beyond 30 days.</p>
5.0	Old Business
5.1	DCEO Grant Update. <p>Director Meyer and Joe Keller informed the Board as to the status of grant: \$1M grant submittal (limited to capital improvements); FWA looking to apply for an additional \$1M grant (not limited to capital improvements).</p>
5.2	Cooper's Farm update. <p>Director Haling informed the Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final water test performed; portion of Cooper's Farm needs repairs.
5.3	Watershed Plan update. <p>Director Hettermann and Pat Smarto informed the Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watershed project is proceeding well, matches from other entities are being received. • Green Gardens – scheduled February 2023. • Nutrient loading – sample soil will be made available; scheduled for March, 2023.
5.4	Trinski Island Plan update. <p>Director Stochl informed the Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IDNR, Army Corps and IEPA meeting will be scheduled. • Advised that Biden administration guidelines are being imposed—unsure of impact.
6.0	New Business
6.1	MOTION: Director Hellyer made a motion to discuss and approve FWA Health Insurance/employee compensation/benefit package. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. The Board directed that discussion of individual employee impacts be discussed in executive session.

6.2	<p>MOTION: Director Mitchell made a motion to approve FWA 2023 preliminary budget in compliance with the Illinois Municipal Budget Act. 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advisory Committee doing a good job with staff/stakeholders. • See Section 5.1. • Renewal permits are proceeding well.
7.2	<p>Advisory Committee Reports & Recommendations</p> <p>Pat Smarto, Chairwoman, reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Section 5.3. • Watershed meeting went well; good information on shoreline and dredging. • Boat show scheduled; looking to show off watershed project; looking for handouts to be prepared on items including safety and sticker increase. • February 22 – next meeting regarding clean-up. • Boat show – scheduled 1st weekend in March (2nd – 5th).
7.3	<p>Field Superintendent Report.</p> <p>Rob Bowman, reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fox Lake – Lake Front Park improvement; Village asking FWA for permission to perform underwater dredging using Agency permit; may work if FWA is project manager; Village Engineer will design and perform construction oversight. • Reported on watershed project involvement. • Boat race group (American Power Boat Assn.; Hurricane on Chain); still dealing with concerns of various groups including IDNR/Fire Department. Staff suggested the concerns of the groups be assembled and responded to all at once. The concerns included the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) racing in no wake zone; (2) September 24-26 proposed dates may be too early in season; and (3) speeding in no wake zone violates existing regulation.
8.0	Directors Reports--None
	<p>Executive Session</p> <p>MOTION: Director Hellyer made a motion at 7:50 to enter into Executive Session to discuss performance and compensation of individual employees. 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>The Motion carried at 7:50 p.m.</p>
8.1	<p>Return to Open Session: Open session Roll call at 8:45 p.m. Present: Chairman Wayne Blake, Directors Chuck Haling, Jim Meyer, Christine Stochl, Jason Hettermann, Bill Hellyer and Dan Mitchell</p>

9.0 Continuation of item 6.1

MOTION: Director Mitchell made to authorize and direct the Executive Director, while using his best discretion, to allocate wage increases in Fiscal Year 2023, among the employees of the Agency, in a total sum not to exceed the budgeted amount of \$118,136, plus, for the purpose of supplementing the employee's 2023 share of the cost of health benefits, pay each of the employees an additional sum of \$5,000. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. After discussion, a roll call vote was taken.

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

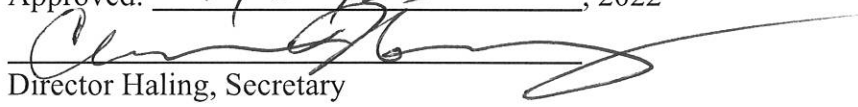
Absent: None

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

Adjournment – Chairman Blake made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Hellyer, at 8:50 p.m.; all voted Aye.

Approved: 1/25/23, 2022


Director Haling, Secretary