



Fox Waterway Agency

Regular Meeting Minutes

April 26, 2023

Recording Secretary: David W. McArdle

1.0 Call to Order & Roll Call 7 p.m.

Chairman Blake

Meeting conducted by Chairman Blake

Present: Chairman Wayne Blake, Directors Chuck Haling, 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

Oath of Office administered by Attorney/notary public David McArdle, of newly elected four (4) year board members: Director Christian Farrell (Lake County), Director Jason Hettermann (McHenry County) and Director Dan Mitchell (McHenry County).

MOTION: Director Mitchell made a motion to approve the chairman's recommended replacement for the remaining (2) years of a (4) year term of former board member Chris Allen, vacant McHenry County seat, board nomination of former Director Bill Hellyer to open McHenry County position. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Mitchell and Farrell

Absent: None

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

Oath of Office administered by attorney/notary public David McArdle, of Director Hellyer.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Director Haling made a motion to approve the March 22, 2023 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Stochl. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Mitchell and Farrell

Absent: None

Abstain: Director Hellyer

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

4.0 Treasurer's Report & Acceptance of Bills & Other Financials

4.1 Treasurer's Report

Director Mitchell provided the Treasurer's Report which reflects a cash balance of \$1,258,883.48 through 3/31/23.

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, Stochl, Hettermann, Hellyer, Mitchell and Farrell

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: March bills prepaid total \$75,698.50; April bills prepaid total \$72,378.41; additional checks paid during the month total \$235.64; and bills remaining to be paid total \$168,700.41; for a total amount of bills paid and to be paid of \$317,012.96.

MOTION: Director Mitchell made a motion to ratify and pay all the outstanding bills including approval of debits and checks prepaid all totaling \$317,012.96. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent: None

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

4.3 A/R Report

Director Mitchell reported on the accounts receivable as \$5,160.00, none of which is over 30 days.

5.0 Old Business**5.1 DCEO Grant Update.**

Director Mitchell informed the Board that:

- Grass Island winding down.
- New grant \$1M to construct:
 - Wall Street building;
 - L-10 building.
- Should go out to bid next 30 days.

5.2 Cooper's Farm update.

Director Haling informed the Board that:

- Berm work finishing with seed;
- Wall Street – collected \$11,000 dirt sales.

5.3 Watershed Plan progress.

Director Hettermann informed the Board that:

- Revenue being received.
- Presentations well attended.
- More participation needed.

5.4	Trinski Island Planning update. Director Stochl informed the Board that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IDNR reviewing plans. • Permit fees expected this week. • Army Corp review expected.
6.0	New Business
6.3	MOTION: Director Stochl made a motion to approve and waive FWA fees for WRP requested by the Village of Fox Lake to Celebrate Fox Lake on July 1, 2023 (rain date July 2, 2023). The motion was seconded by Director Ferrell. A roll call vote was taken. Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Hellyer, Mitchell and Farrell Absent: None Nay: None The Motion carried.
6.4	MOTION: Director Farrell made a motion to approve WRP requested for Blarney Island Drag Boat Races. The motion was seconded by Director Mitchell. A roll call vote was taken. Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Hellyer, Mitchell and Farrell Absent: None Nay: None The Motion carried.
6.5	MOTION: Director Mitchell made a motion to approve WRP requested by American Power Boat Association's sponsored race on September 23-24, 2023. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken. Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Hellyer and Mitchell Absent: None Abstain: Director Farrell Nay: None The Motion carried.
6.6	MOTION: Director Hellyer made a motion to approve truck vehicle purchase, model of vehicle to be selected at the discretion of the Executive Director, not to exceed \$67,000. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken. Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Hellyer, Mitchell and Farrell Absent: None Nay: None The Motion carried.
7.0	Directors Reports

7.1 Executive Director:

Executive Director Keller, reported:

- Bruski monetary claims expected to be withdrawn.
- American Pontoon completing pontoon boat ordered by the FWA.
- Take A Vet fishing program is proceeding.
- Dirt sales look encouraging with new buyers on line.
- 3 new field employees were hired by the Fox Waterway Agency.
- 1 new office employee was also hired– waiting for background check.

7.2 Advisory Committee Reports & Recommendations

Pat Smarto, Chairwoman, reported:

- Rain garden/bio swales presentation went well.
- May 18th 7 p.m. is the next presentation. Topic is geese management.
- May 4 next advisory meeting.
- Fall topic – maintenance dredging and national approval.
- The committee is looking for ideas for waterway clean up.

7.3 Field Superintendent Report.

Rob Bowman, reported:

- Triathlon – Lake Forest Park June 11.
- Buoys are being placed in the water.
- Customer complaints are being handled.
- Dredging equipment is being moved to Halings Landings.
- Mechanic is needed by the FWA.
- Both the office and back staff did well getting through winter difficulties
- Agency is going in good direction.

8.0 Directors Reports

- 8.1** Director Haling – Spoke with Joe; Fox Water can be lowered via dam very quickly; would like this State effort better coordinated with Fox Waterway Agency.
Director Stochl – None.
Director Hettermann – None.
Director Hellyer – None.
Director Mitchell – None.
Director Farrell – Thanked everyone for the welcome to the Board and looks forward to serving the FWA

8.2 Chairman – None.**Public Comments & Presentations:**

- Don Fuchs – Pistakee Bay fireworks—July 9, 2023.

Adjournment – Chairman Blake made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Hellyer, at 8:10 p.m.; all voted Aye.

Approved: 5/28, 2023

Director Haling, Secretary

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