



# Fox Waterway Agency

## *Regular Meeting Minutes*

June 28, 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, Christine Stochl, Jason Hettermann, Bill Hellyer, Dan Mitchell and Christian Farrell

**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 May 24, 2023 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Hellyer. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent: None

Abstain: None

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 \$1,570,917.91 through 5/31/23.

**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.

<b>4.2</b>	<b>Approval of Bills</b> <p>Director Mitchell presented the monthly bills for payment and ratification of bills previously paid as follows: May bills prepaid total \$51,413.04; June bills prepaid total \$80,614.67; additional checks paid during the month total \$-0-; and bills remaining to be paid total \$124,275.40; for a total amount of bills paid and to be paid of \$256,303.11.</p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> Director Mitchell made a motion to ratify and pay all the outstanding bills including approval of debits and checks prepaid all totaling \$256,303.11. The motion was seconded by Director Stochl. A roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Hellyer, Mitchell and Farrell</p> <p>Absent: None</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p>
<b>4.3</b>	<b>A/R Report</b> <p>Director Mitchell reported on the accounts receivable as \$19,890.00, of which \$1,100.00 is 30 days overdue.</p>
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Old Business</b>
<b>5.1</b>	<b>DCEO Grant Update.</b> <p>Director Farrell informed the Board that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agency moving forward on \$1M grant request for capital expenditures; expecting it to arrive late summer for Fall bid.</li> <li>• \$150k arrived for operational expenses.</li> <li>• Trinski funding expected late 2023.</li> </ul>
<b>5.2</b>	<b>Wall Street and Soil Operation update.</b> <p>Director Haling informed the Board that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All operations seem to be working in orderly manner.</li> <li>• County permit status was discussed.</li> <li>• HRG contract pending.</li> </ul>
<b>5.3</b>	<b>Watershed Plan progress.</b> <p>Director Hettermann informed the Board that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Watershed progress going well.</li> <li>• Looking for funding.</li> <li>• Regular meetings are being conducted.</li> </ul>
<b>5.4</b>	<b>Trinski Island Update.</b> <p>Director Stochl informed the Board that the project is “technically feasible” so the 15 day public notice is being issued to identify relevant property owners; Field work was conducted on 5/16/23; Engineering cost improvements are underway; and IEPA feedback on sediment data collection locations expected.</p>
<b>6.0</b>	<b>New Business</b>

<b>6.1</b>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> Director Haling made a motion to assist with Fishing Has No Boundaries (FHNB) event on Saturday, September 9, 2023 and to waive One-Day Class J stockers. The motion was seconded by Director Mitchell. A roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Hellyer, Mitchell and Farrell</p> <p>Absent: None</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p>
<b>6.2</b>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> Director Hellyer made a motion to approve Advisory Committee Secretary Anne Basten to the Ethics Committee for a term to begin July 1, 2023 and end on June 30, 2025. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Hellyer, Mitchell and Farrell</p> <p>Absent: None</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p>
<b>6.3</b>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> Director Mitchell reviewed with the Board the Dam, Snell and Taverine management letter. No action was taken.</p>
<b>6.4</b>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> Director Mitchell made a motion to approve 2022 audit from Dam, Snell and Taverine. The motion was seconded by Director Stochl. A roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Hellyer, Mitchell and Farrell</p> <p>Absent: None</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p>
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Directors Reports</b>
<b>7.1</b>	<p><b>Executive Director:</b></p> <p>Executive Director Keller, reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Watershed plan is going well.</li> <li>• Looking for more grant funding – non-point pollution.</li> <li>• IDNR meeting set re poor shoreline maintenance.</li> <li>• State budget - much money has been allocated for FWA; some funded but not received.</li> <li>• Watershed trail for kayaking and canoes – FWA monitoring.</li> <li>• Boaters opposing effort.</li> </ul>
<b>7.2</b>	<p><b>Advisory Committee Reports &amp; Recommendations</b></p> <p>Pat Smarto, Chairwoman, reported:</p> <p>Watershed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trying to identify and prioritize projects.</li> <li>• Shoreline work needed..</li> <li>• Meeting every week.</li> <li>• July 6 – boat trip scheduled; starting at Grass Island then to Port Edwards for dinner.</li> </ul>



### 7.3 Field Superintendent Report.

Rob Bowman, reported:

- DNR water level report discussed; FWA in record low water level; projected to continue.
- Low water impacts Orchard Heights project.
- Working on alternative approach to project.
- Nippersink Creek project progressing.
- Boat repairs are ongoing.
- Getting ready for fireworks show.
- Fielding calls regarding weeds and dredging policy.

### 8.0 Directors Reports

8.1 Director Haling – no report.

Director Hellyer – no report.

Director Stochl – no report.

Director Hettermann – Thanked Pat and Joe regarding getting a message out to public on what Agency does; i.e., dredging and buoy programs.

Director Mitchell – no report.

Director Farrell – no report.

8.2 **Chairman** – no report.

#### Public Comments & Presentations:

- Jason Thomas, Randy T., Algonquin – live in channel, questioning status of their dredge packet request.
- Keith Jorgeson, Catherine Lake Channel – owns Northshore bar; questioning status of dredging application; Board Chairman, Rob Bowman and Executive Director responded and began to offer suggestions, but Mr. Jorgeson was not satisfied, would not let the Chairman finish his suggestions and Mr. Jorgeson began raising his voice and becoming aggressive in his demands; the Chairman and Executive Director again tried to respond to deal with the issues raised but Mr. Jorgeson would not stop criticizing the Agency and raising his voice. Finally, the Chairman was able to move onto the next public comment.
- Greg King, Algonquin – no wake under bridge issues raised.

**Adjournment** – Chairman Blake made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Hellyer, at 8:20 p.m.; all voted Aye.

Approved: 7/26/2023, 2023

Director Haling, Secretary

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