



# Fox Waterway Agency

## *Regular Meeting Minutes*

July 26, 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 June 28, 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 \$1,936,454.94 through 6/30/23.

**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>	<p><b>Approval of Bills</b></p> <p>Director Mitchell presented the monthly bills for payment and ratification of bills previously paid as follows: June bills prepaid total \$59,619.72; July bills prepaid total \$92,215.11; additional checks paid during the month total \$5,497.33; and bills remaining to be paid total \$102,713.48; for a total amount of bills paid and to be paid of \$260,045.64.</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 \$260,045.64. 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>	<p><b>A/R Report</b></p> <p>Director Mitchell reported on the accounts receivable as \$23,978.53, of which \$2,540.00 is 30 days overdue.</p>
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Old Business</b>
<b>5.1</b>	<p><b>DCEO Grant Update.</b></p> <p>Director Farrell informed the Board that the \$1mm grant received; to be used for pole barns; L-10 and Wall Street.</p>
<b>5.2</b>	<p><b>Wall Street and Soil Operation update.</b></p> <p>Director Haling informed the Board that \$80,000 in soil sales have been conducted to date.</p>
<b>5.3</b>	<p><b>Watershed Plan progress.</b></p> <p>Director Hettermann informed the Board that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All going well.</li> <li>• Next public outreach meeting is 9/21/23; all stakeholders have been invited.</li> </ul>
<b>5.4</b>	<p><b>Trinski Island Update.</b></p> <p>Director Stochl informed the Board that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IDNR public comment period ended July 14<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• Lab results regarding sediment date are pending.</li> <li>• Some high-quality wetlands on island were detected; will try to avoid those areas. This includes the mitigation area location.</li> <li>• Consultant looking to send submittals to USACE/EPA at the end of August</li> </ul>
<b>6.0</b>	<b>New Business</b>
<b>6.1</b>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> Director Mitchell made a motion approve WRP for Community Sailing School at Pistakee Yacht Club Gatsby Gala on August 5, 2023. The motion was seconded by Director Farrell. 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 a donation of \$300 for Fleet 17 Venetian Night Boat Parade on August 26, 2023. 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 Haling made a motion to approve HR Green services agreement and bid package for final building, zoning and septic design for Wall Street property and pole barn in Lake Villa in an amount not to exceed \$33,368.00. The motion was seconded by Director Farrell. 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>• <u>Wall Street</u> – noted significant material moved off site/system.</li> <li>• <u>Stakeholder meeting</u> – Antioch people interested in Agency looking for ways to increase income.</li> <li>• Office workers have been very busy over last month.</li> <li>• Interviewing for bookkeeper employee; offer pending to applicant.</li> </ul>
<b>7.2</b>	<p><b>Advisory Committee Reports &amp; Recommendations</b></p> <p>Pat Smarto, Chairwoman, reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boat trip to Grass Island went well.</li> <li>• Significant flora/fauna were observed.</li> <li>• The committee is still meeting weekly.</li> </ul>
<b>7.3</b>	<p><b>Field Superintendent Report.</b></p> <p>Rob Bowman, reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nippersink Creek is being dredged; after that the team will be moving north – rain or shine.</li> <li>• Grass Marie Channel is being worked on.</li> <li>• The Orchard Beach paperwork is completed and filed with the Agency.</li> <li>• Customer concerns/down trees being handled.</li> <li>• Discussion ensued regarding possible bridge posting--no towing of tubes under bridge.</li> </ul>
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Directors Reports</b>

**8.1 Director Haling –**

- Grass Lake duck blind drawing still on for this Saturday at Oak Pointe (10 a.m. – 2 p.m.).

Director Hellyer – None.

Director Stochl – None.

Director Hettermann –

- On big weekends like July 4 – suggests Agency should have an employee on call for emergencies.
- Temporary no wake areas– buoys need to be policed regarding placement location; discussed having Agency staff install at a cost to confirm correct locations.
- Noted that the no wake coming out of Trinski seems dangerous.

Director Mitchell –

- Sticker sales up, \$422,000 from last year; 16,000 to 17,000 stickers sold.
- Lily pad removal not protected; chemical; need permit; lotus are protected.
- Boat yard issue discussed; investigation pending.

Director Farrell –

- Pointed out that the center buoys in Grass Lake are not lighting up; staff will do night check.

**8.2 Chairman** – commented on Facebook comments.


**Public Comments & Presentations:**

Chris Shepard, Antioch:

- 8/23-24 race still on.
- Sponsorship in place.
- Ready to implement.

**Adjournment** – Chairman Blake made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Hellyer, at 8:15 p.m.; all voted Aye.

Approved: 8/23/23, 2023

  
Director Haling, Secretary

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