



## Fox Waterway Agency

### *Regular Meeting Minutes*

August 23, 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 July 26, 2023 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Mitchell. 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 \$1,986,127.01 through 7/31/23.

**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, 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: July bills prepaid total \$36,789.38; August bills prepaid total \$88,357.02; additional checks paid during the month total \$300.00; and bills remaining to be paid total \$77,948.81; for a total amount of bills paid and to be paid of \$203,395.21.

**MOTION:** Director Mitchell made a motion to ratify and pay all the outstanding bills including approval of debits and checks prepaid all totaling \$203,395.21. The motion was seconded by Director Hellyer. 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 \$10,766.05, of which \$2,630.00 is 30 days overdue.

#### **5.0 Old Business**

##### **5.1 DCEO Grant Update.**

Director Farrell informed the Board that \$1M is in and within the next week contracts to do work should be entered into to do work yet this year.

##### **5.2 Wall Street and Soil Operation update.**

Director Haling informed the Board that \$100,000 in soil sales reached; site working well.

##### **5.3 Watershed Plan progress.**

Director Hettermann informed the Board that the program is moving ahead as scheduled.

##### **5.4 Trinski Island Update.**

- Brian from Geocentric Engineering, presented his report to the Board;
- Redesign of the island is with IDNR waiting for approval;
- Public comment on the process is ongoing;
- IDNR seems to be indicating plans are compliant;
- IDNR will not approve until IEPA and USARCE approve.

#### **6.0 New Business**

**6.1 MOTION:** The Board and its Executive Director acknowledged Waterway Marine Unit personnel for their dedication to law enforcement and safety on the Chain O'Lakes and Fox River. A motion by Director Farrell was made to present certificates to the various officials. The motion was seconded by Director Hellyer. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent: None

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

<b>6.2</b>	<b>MOTION:</b> The Chairman permitted a full presentation by Bob Mazzeffi and Friends of Catherine and Channel Lakes regarding their proposed 319 grant application for an extensive aeration system including a grant request providing for a 50/50 sharing program. The Board will address this issue at a future meeting.
<b>6.3</b>	<b>MOTION:</b> The Board and Agency attorney discussed the Agency's Code of Ordinance and enforcement powers it has relative to violations by commercial business owners. The Executive Director will follow up with the County Sheriff offices and IDNR.
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Directors Reports</b>
<b>7.1</b>	<b>Executive Director:</b> Executive Director Keller, reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nippersink projectis ongoing;</li> <li>• Orchard Heights working well;</li> <li>• Ashland channel next;</li> <li>• Customer issues with downed trees are being addressed by staff;</li> <li>• Boat races last month went well;</li> <li>• 9/9 Fishing with No Boundaries;</li> <li>• 9/7 boat tour, Congressman Schneider attending.</li> </ul>
<b>7.2</b>	<b>Advisory Committee Reports &amp; Recommendations</b> Pat Smarto, Chairwoman, reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good progress with watershed program, next meeting 9/7/23;</li> <li>• 9/21 stakeholder meeting;</li> <li>• October minor maintenance dredging program;</li> <li>• Permeable pavement program taken on by Pat Smarto at her own home as an example, looking for contractors.</li> </ul>
<b>7.3</b>	<b>Field Superintendent Report.</b> Rob Bowman, reported – not present.
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Directors Reports</b>
<b>8.1</b>	<u>Director Haling</u> – Blind drawing took place; 9/9 Fishing With No Boundaries, 82 participants. <u>All other Directors- None</u>
<b>8.2</b>	<b>Chairman</b> – None.
<b>Public Comments &amp; Presentations:</b> <u>C. Spade</u> – Petite Lake; requested update on dredging; all of their piers and shore stations are out of channel. <u>Larry Phillips</u> – Electric Harbor questioned whether insurance is required to purchase boat sticker--negative.	
<b>Adjournment</b> – Chairman Blake made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Hellyer at 8:20 p.m.; all voted Aye.	

Approved: 9/30, 2023

  
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Director Haling, Secretary

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