



Fox Waterway Agency
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 23, 2024

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, Dan Mitchell and Christian Farrell

Absent: Director Bill Hellyer

FWA Also Present: Agency Attorney David W. McArdle, Executive Director Joe Keller, Field Superintendent Rob Bowman, Advisory Chairman Pat Smarto

2.0 Pledge of Allegiance

3.0 Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Director Haling made a motion to approve the September 25, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Farrell. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent: Director Hellyer

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 \$1,902,750.97 through 9/30/24.

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, Mitchell and Farrell

Absent: Director Hellyer

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

<p>4.2</p>	<p>Approval of Bills</p> <p>Director Mitchell presented the monthly bills for payment and ratification of bills previously paid as follows: September bills prepaid total \$41,463.18; October bills prepaid total \$108,926.85; additional checks paid during the month total \$7,890.02; and bills remaining to be paid total \$86,538.09; for a total amount of bills paid and to be paid of \$244,818.14.</p> <p>MOTION: Director Mitchell made a motion to ratify and pay all the outstanding bills including approval of debits and checks prepaid totaling \$244,818.14. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Mitchell and Farrell</p> <p>Absent: Director Hellyer</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p>
<p>4.3</p>	<p>A/R Report</p> <p>Director Mitchell reported on the accounts receivable as \$13,229.69, of which \$130.76 is 120 days overdue.</p>
<p>5.0</p>	<p>Old Business</p>
<p>5.1</p>	<p>DCEO Pole Barn Update.</p> <p>Director Farrell informed the Board that staff is expecting building permits from the County by end of October.</p>
<p>5.2</p>	<p>Trinski Island Update</p> <p>Director Stochl informed the Board that staff is still waiting for a response from Army Corps.</p>
<p>6.0</p>	<p>New Business</p>
<p>6.1</p>	<p>MOTION: Director Stochl and Executive Director Keller introduced newly hired employees Dylan Whipple, Customer Relations and Grant Stoneberg, Fleet Mechanic. The Board welcomed the employees to the Agency.</p>
<p>6.2</p>	<p>MOTION: Director Farrell made a motion to approve the proposed 2025 Board Meeting Schedule. The motion was seconded by Director Mitchell. After discussion, roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Mitchell and Farrell</p> <p>Absent: Director Hellyer</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p>
<p>6.3</p>	<p>MOTION: Director Mitchell made a motion to approve the proposed 2025 FWA Holiday Schedule. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. After discussion, roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Mitchell and Farrell</p> <p>Absent: Director Hellyer</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p>
<p>6.4</p>	<p>MOTION: Director Hettermann discussed the 2025 FWA sticker design and color alternatives and recommendation to the Board. After discussion, the Board, by unanimous consensus, agreed to have Director Hettermann make the final 2025 FWA sticker color and design selection.</p>
<p>7.0</p>	<p>Directors Reports</p>

7.1 Executive Director:

Executive Director Joe Keller reported that the staff working hard to accomplish as much as possible on current projects and needs before draw down of waterway takes place.

7.2 Advisory Committee Reports & Recommendations

Pat Smarto, Chairperson reported that:

- Social media is going well.
- Leaf management video has been released.
- Hydrologic dredging video has been release.
- Requested Board members to share posts and videos.
- Reported on forest preserve land ownership, habitat restoration and shoreline stabilization in watershed.
- Reported on best management practice.
- Next meeting of Committee is scheduled for 11/7/24.

7.3 Field Superintendent Report.

Rob Bowman, reported that:

- DNR released water draw down date of 11/1/24.
- All buoys have been removed.
- The hydrologic dredge is being removed.
- Mechanical dredging is still in progress.

8.0 Directors and Chairman Reports—No reports

Public Comment:

Jim Sistero – Jackson Bay – suggested stickers to be easily removed; he also questioned the lease of property to Smokehouse; expressed opinion re land owned by forest preserve.

Executive Session/Adjournment

MOTION: At 7:45 Chairman Blake made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss land acquisition and pending litigation. The motion was seconded by Director Stochl. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent: Director Hellyer

The Motion carried.

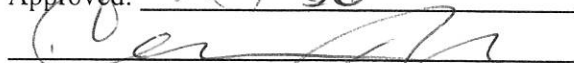
MOTION: At 8:15 p.m., roll call was taken after executive session ended.

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

Absent: Director Hellyer

At 8:15 p.m., Chairman Blake declared the meeting adjourned with no action taken after executive session.

Approved: 12/30, 2024


Director Haling, Secretary
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