



**Fox Waterway Agency**  
***Regular Meeting Minutes***  
November 19, 2025

**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, Christian Farrell and Alan P. Kirk

**Absent:** None

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

**2.0 Pledge of Allegiance**

**3.0 Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION:** Director Haling made a motion to approve the October 22, 2025 regular Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Mitchell. A roll call vote was taken.

**Aye:** Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Mitchell and Kirk

**Absent:** None

**Abstain:** Director Farrell

**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 \$589,542.64 through 10/31/25.

**MOTION:** Director Mitchell made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Kirk. A roll call vote was taken.

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

**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: October bills prepaid total \$83,966.81; November bills prepaid total \$67,711.12; additional checks paid during the month total \$-0-; and bills remaining to be paid total \$68,541.98; for a total amount of bills paid and to be paid of \$220,219.91.

**MOTION:** Director Mitchell made a motion to ratify and pay all the outstanding bills including approval of debits and checks prepaid totaling \$220,219.91. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent: None

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

**4.3 A/R Report**

Director Mitchell reported on the accounts receivables as \$9,378.40, \$-0- of which is over 120 days past due.

**5.0 Old Business**

**5.1 DCEO Pole Barn Update.**

Director Farrell informed the Board that both projects are on hold, issues regarding minority contract participation being worked on for compliance by contractor.

**5.2 Trinski Island Update.**

Director Stochl informed the Board that staff met with Brian Vallesky of USACE and it has been determined that the FWA may propose removing the east and west seawalls which would not involve shaving or removing any land but would decrease the height of the islands riprap exterior to a foot above summer pool level. This concept will be presented for approval by the USACE before final engineering is performed.

**6.0 New Business**

**6.1 MOTION:** Director Hettermann made a motion to approve the proposal for website design and development to Get Smart, Inc. not to exceed \$29,500 and subject to written contact approved by the Executive Director. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. After discussion, roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent: None

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

**6.2 MOTION:** Director Kirk and the Board discussed possible creation of a 501C3 entity benefitting the Agency. After discussion, staff was directed to obtain more information and return to the Board in December.

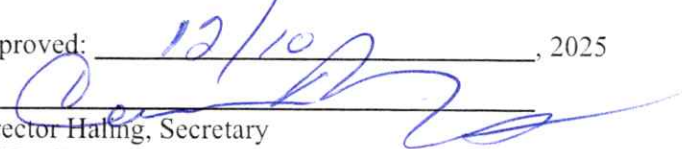
Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Mitchell, Farrell and Kirk

Absent: None

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

<p><b>6.3 MOTION:</b> The Board discussed and reviewed with the staff the 2025 FWA projects including Mallard Drive/Heart O Lakes, Orchard Heights South and Nippersink Creek.</p>
<p><b>7.1 Executive Director:</b> Noted that the FWA participated in food drive to area soup kitchens and families within watershed.</p>
<p><b>7.2 Advisory Committee Reports &amp; Recommendations</b>  Rob Bryson, Committee member, advised the Board as to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reported on insufficiency of FWA website, including website connections;</li> <li>• Working on support from communities within the watershed to pass resolution supporting watershed plan adoption;</li> <li>• Working on grants but suggested 501c3 be researched;</li> <li>• Grant obtained for rain garden on FWA office property site;</li> <li>• Next meeting January 2026.</li> </ul>
<p><b>7.3 Field Superintendent Report.</b>  Rob Bowman, reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weather is good so far for continued project work and dirt sales;</li> <li>• \$9,300 in sales – many new customers;</li> <li>• Nippersink project completed;</li> <li>• Work boats starting to come out of water and for repairs and winterization;</li> <li>• Orchard Heights project will continue through winter.</li> </ul>
<p><b>8.0 Directors and Chairman Reports-</b>  <u>Chairman Blake:</u> None  <u>Directors Haling, Stochl, Mitchell and Kirk:</u> None  <u>Director Hettermann:</u> Discussed need for the Agency to have input into State’s decision on annual adjustment of waterway levels.  <u>Director Farrell:</u> Agrees that online sticker purchase is good idea; consider incentives to buy stickers online.</p>
<p><b>Public Comment:</b> None.</p>
<p><b>9.0 MOTION:</b> At 8:45 p.m. with no further business of the Fox Waterway Agency, Chairman Blake declared the meeting adjourned.</p>

Approved: 12/10, 2025  
  
Director Haling, Secretary  
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