



Fox Waterway Agency

Regular Meeting Minutes

November 20, 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 Christine Stochl, Jason Hettermann, Bill Hellyer, Dan Mitchell and Christian Farrell

Absent: Director Chuck Haling

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 Stochl made a motion to approve the October 23, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Farrell. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Directors Stochl, Hettermann, Mitchell and Farrell

Absent: Director Haling

Abstain: Hellyer

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 \$1,659,125.87 through 10/31/24.

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

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

Absent: Director Haling

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 \$64,196.65; November bills prepaid total \$73,632.78; additional checks paid during the month total \$30,999.60; and bills remaining to be paid total \$126,544.77; for a total amount of bills paid and to be paid of \$295,373.80.

MOTION: Director Mitchell made a motion to ratify and pay all the outstanding bills including approval of debits and checks prepaid totaling \$295,373.80. The motion was seconded by Director Stochl. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent: Director Haling

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

4.3 A/R Report

Director Mitchell reported on the accounts receivable as \$5,943.56, of which \$-0- is 120 days overdue.

5.0 Old Business

5.1 DCEO Pole Barn Update.

Director Farrell informed the Board that the Agency is still waiting for County permits. Chairman was intending to call County officials on this.

5.2 Trinski Island Update

Director Stochl informed the Board that Army Corps is going out for public notification and hearing.

6.0 New Business

6.1 MOTION: Director Hettermann made a motion to approve the proposed 2025 Advisory Committee meeting schedule. The motion was seconded by Director Stochl. After discussion, roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent: Director Haling

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

6.2 MOTION: Director Farrell made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2023 Service truck in the amount of \$113,500. The motion was seconded by Director Mitchell. After discussion, roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent: Director Haling

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

6.3 MOTION: Director Hellyer and the Board members discussed possible 2025 Smokehouse Dispensary lease renewal. After discussion the Board agreed that this matter should be tabled until the next meeting and directed the attorney to revise for December, 2025 consideration.

7.0 Directors Reports

7.1 Executive Director:

Executive Director Joe Keller reported that

- Material trucking is still taking place;
- The new mechanic on duty and working well;
- Administrative improvements are being made;
- Funding discussions ongoing by staff.

7.2 Advisory Committee Reports & Recommendations

Pat Smarto, Chairperson reported that:

1. The next meeting is scheduled for February 26, 2025;
2. Subcommittee members on watershed are continuing to meet weekly;
3. Volunteers are being contacted and coordinated;
4. USGS in touch regarding water data;
5. Reached out to Villages and Townships to approve/adopt the FWA Watershed Plan;
6. Reviewed social media video performance on YouTube and Facebook.

7.3 Field Superintendent Report.

Rob Bowman, reported that:

- New mechanic doing well;
- Still working on mechanical dredge projects;
- Transition to work on Coopers when weather turns bad.

8.0 Directors and Chairman Reports--None

Public Comment:

One comment – no identification.

9.0 MOTION: At 8:00 p.m., Director Hellyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Stochl. Roll call was taken.

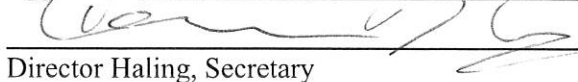
Aye: Directors Stochl, Hettermann, Hellyer, Mitchell and Farrell

Absent: Director Haling

Nay: None

The Motion carried

Approved: 12/20, 2024


Director Haling, Secretary

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