



Fox Waterway Agency
Regular Meeting Minutes
 March 25, 2026

Recording Secretary: Brandy S. Quance

1.0 Call to Order & Roll Call 7:05 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 Brandy S. Quance, Executive Director Joe Keller, Field Superintendent Rob Bowman, Advisory Committee Chairwoman Pat Smarto

2.0 Pledge of Allegiance

MOTION: Director Mitchell made a motion to allow Director Hettermann to attend electronically. The motion was seconded by Director Kirk. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent: None

Abstain: Director Hettermann

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Director Haling made a motion to approve the February 25, 2026 regular Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Mitchell. A roll call vote was taken.

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

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 \$242,668.76 through 2/28/26.

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, Farrell and Kirk

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

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| 4.2 | Approval of Bills |
| <p>Director Mitchell presented the monthly bills for payment and ratification of bills previously paid as follows: February bills prepaid total \$60,336.83; March bills prepaid total \$85,546.62; additional checks paid during the month total \$-0-; and bills remaining to be paid total \$94,600.86; for a total amount of bills paid and to be paid of \$240,484.31.</p> <p>MOTION: Director Mitchell made a motion to ratify and pay all the outstanding bills including approval of debits and checks prepaid totaling \$240,484.31. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Mitchell, Farrell and Kirk Absent: None Abstain: None Nay: None</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p> | |
| 4.3 | A/R Report |
| <p>Director Mitchell reported on the accounts receivables as \$4,620.00, \$870.00 of which is over 120 days past due.</p> | |
| 5.0 | Old Business |
| <p>5.1 DCEO Pole Barn Update. Director Farrell informed the Board that more grant money was received. Hopefully get back on the field, weather dependent.</p> | |
| <p>5.2 Trinski Island Update. Director Stochl informed the Board that we are still in a holding pattern. Baxter & Woodman hired former IDNR (Mike) as subcontractor/consultant so this should help with the project.</p> | |
| 6.0 | New Business |
| <p>6.1 MOTION: Director Haling made a motion to approve Gerard Urbanozo as a new member of the Advisory Committee. The motion was seconded by Director Farrell. After discussion, roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Mitchell, Farrell and Kirk Absent: None Abstain: None Nay: None</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p> | |
| <p>6.2 MOTION: Director Kirk made a motion to approve a \$200 donation to the Annual Fox River Grove celebration on Saturday July 11, 2026. The motion was seconded by Director Stochl. After discussion, roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Mitchell, Farrell and Kirk Absent: None Abstain: None Nay: None</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p> | |

6.3 MOTION: Director Stochl made a motion to discuss and approve WRP: 9th Annual Fox Lake Triathlon on Sunday, June 7, 2026 and waive fees for equipment and buoys in the amount of \$1,050.00. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. Roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

6.4 MOTION: Director Hettermann made a motion to discuss and approve WRP: Pistakee Yacht Club's Sail into Summer Sunfish Regatta on Saturday, May 16, 2026 and waive fees for buoys in the amount of \$200.00. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. Roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

6.5 MOTION: Director Mitchell made a motion to approve 2026 FWA permanent budget in compliance with the Illinois Municipal Budget Act. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. Roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

7. Directors Reports

7.1 Executive Director

The Watershed Plan helps with grant opportunities because projects are already identified when the Agency learns of a grant. It has been beneficial the last two weeks with two grant applications. The Agency is looking for good employees. Carl is retiring.

7.2 Advisory Committee Reports & Recommendations

Pat Smarto, Chairwoman, advised the Board as to the following:

- Boat show was not well attended but booth was good engagement.
- New member will be an asset.
- Fox River Summit, 4 committee members attended. Fox River Days will be in September.
- Fox Lake Earth Day clean up, we will have a booth.
- Will be filming Ackerman, emptying cells.
- The FEMA Fall 2024 new Nippersink Creek maps are done but not implemented. May take 1-5 years and affects LOMAs.

Mr. Bryson gave a highwater event presentation.

7.3 Field Superintendent Report.

Rob Bowman reported that:

- Several concerns/questions regarding bridge lighting, including from Lake County Sheriff's Office. Advocating for more safety lighting with the U.S. Coast Guard.
- Village of Fox Lake submitting permit for pier.
- Took delivery of service truck.

8.0 Directors and Chairman Reports-

Chairman Blake: None.

Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Mitchell, Farrell and Kirk: None.

Public Comment:

Dave Mengal, Holiday Hills: Trying to get channel dredged.

Randy Johnson, Highwoods, Antioch: List of channels for dredging?

9.0 Executive Session

MOTION: At 8:05 p.m., Chairman Blake made a motion to enter Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) to discuss litigation and 2(c)(1) personnel. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken.

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

The Motion carried.

10.0 Return to Open Session/Adjourn: At 8:28 p.m. the meeting was called to order; no action was taken.

Present: Chairman Wayne Blake, Directors Chuck Haling, Christine Stochl, Jason Hettermann, Dan Mitchell, Christian Farrell and Alan P. Kirk.

No action was taken and Chairman Blake adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

Approved: 5/22, 2026

Director Haling, Secretary

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