Fox Waterway Agency
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 28, 2026

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 Alan P. Kirk

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 Public Hearing:

MOTION: Chairman Blake opened the Second Public Hearing regarding change of user permit fees for all classes of boats and watercraft. The hearing was recorded and several members of the public made comments to the Board. After all public comments were received, Director Hailing made a motion to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Director Mitchell. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye:	Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Mitchell, and Farrell
Absent:	Director Kirk
Abstain:	None
Nay:	None

The Motion carried and the attorney was directed to prepare an ordinance changing the user sticker fees with a 25% increase and incorporating substantive additional changes to the FWA code of ordinances in accordance with the recent trial court decision in the AP Marine case.

4.0 Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Director Haling made a motion to approve the September 23, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes and October 13, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Stochl. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye:	Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Mitchell, and Farrell
Absent:	Director Kirk
Abstain:	None
Nay:	None

The Motion carried.

5.0 Treasurer's Report & Acceptance of Bills & Other Financials

5.1. Treasurer's Report

Director Mitchell provided the Treasurer's Report which reflects a cash balance of $1,202,325.72 through 9/30/26.

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 Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Mitchell, and Farrell

Absent: Director Kirk

Abstain: None

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

5.2. Approval of Monthly Bills

Director Mitchell presented the monthly bills for payment and ratification of bills previously paid as follows: September bills prepaid total $81,136.97; October bills prepaid total $122,469.98; additional checks paid during the month total $-0-; and bills remaining to be paid total $418,768.15; for a total amount of bills paid and to be paid of $622,375.10.

MOTION: Director Mitchell made a motion to ratify and pay all the outstanding bills including approval of debits and checks prepaid totaling $622,375.10. The motion was seconded by Director Sstochl. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent: Director Kirk

Abstain: None

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

5.3. A/R Report

Director Mitchell reported on the accounts receivables as $6453.77; $991.84 of which is over 120 days past due.

6.0 Old Business

6.1 DCEO Pole Barn Update.

Director Farrell informed the Board that:

- Wall Street – 95% complete; waiting on ComEd.
- L-10 – 75% complete; 20% being held back – retention.

6.2 Trinski Island Project Update.

Director Stochl informed the Board that IDNR requested plans for piers and canoe launch.

7.0 New Business

7.2 **MOTION:** Director Hettermann made a motion to approve 2027 Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. After discussion, roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent: Director Kirk

Abstain: None

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

7.3	**MOTION:** Director Haling made a motion to approve 2027 Board Meeting Schedule. The motion was seconded by Director Farrell. After discussion, roll call vote was taken. Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Mitchell, and Farrell Absent: Director Kirk Abstain: None Nay: None The Motion carried.
7.4	**MOTION:** Director Mitchell made a motion to approve proposed 2027 Holiday Schedule, minus Columbus Day. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. After discussion, roll call vote was taken. Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Mitchell, and Farrell Absent: Director Kirk Abstain: None Nay: None The Motion carried.
8.0	**Directors Reports**
8.1	**Executive Director:** Noted continuing discussion with state officials; drawdown begins next week.
8.2	**Advisory Committee Reports & Recommendations** Pat Smarto, Chairwoman, advised the Board as to the following: • Next meeting November 5.
8.3	**Field Superintendent Report.** Rob Bowman reported that: • Bouy removal completed. • Nippersink Creek dredging ongoing. • Topsoil sales ongoing. • Locks closing 11/2. • Petite Lake Park scheduled. • Satisfied with pole barn schedule.
9.0	**Board of Directors Reports-**
9.1	**Directors and Chairman-**No Reports
9.2	**Public Comment:** Mark Magneson – Rob Bryson, Pat Smarto.
10.0	**Executive Session:** None
11.0	**MOTION:** At 8:20 p.m. with no further business of the Fox Waterway Agency, Director Haling made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Mitchell and the meeting was adjourned.

Approved: 11/10, 2026

Director Haling, Secretary

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