



**Fox Waterway Agency**  
***Regular Meeting Minutes***  
February 25, 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 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 Committee Member Rob Bryson

**2.0 Pledge of Allegiance**

**3.0 Approval of Minutes**

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

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

**Absent:** Director Haling

**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 \$400,007.24 through 1/31/25.

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

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

**Absent:** Director Haling

**Nay:** None

The Motion carried.

<b>4.2</b>	<p><b>Approval of Bills</b></p> <p>Director Mitchell presented the monthly bills for payment and ratification of bills previously paid as follows: January bills prepaid total \$1,029,012.06; February bills prepaid total \$57,049.82; additional checks paid during the month total \$56,685.40; and bills remaining to be paid total \$12,146.11; for a total amount of bills paid and to be paid of \$1,154,893.39.</p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> Director Mitchell made a motion to ratify and pay all the outstanding bills including approval of debits and checks prepaid totaling \$1,154,893.39. The motion was seconded by Director Farrell. A roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Stochl, Hettermann, Hellyer, Mitchell and Farrell</p> <p>Absent: Director Haling</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p>
<b>4.3</b>	<p><b>A/R Report</b></p> <p>Director Mitchell reported that there were no accounts receivables.</p>
<b>5.0</b>	<p><b>Old Business</b></p>
<b>5.1</b>	<p><b>DCEO Pole Barn Update.</b></p> <p>Director Farrell informed the Board that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• permits still not issued;</li> <li>• looking for septic permits;</li> <li>• County waiting for final changes to design.</li> </ul>
<b>5.2</b>	<p><b>Trinski Island Update</b></p> <p>Director Stochl provided update to Board.</p>
<b>6.0</b>	<p><b>New Business</b></p>
<b>6.1</b>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> Director Mitchell made a motion to approve WRP: 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Damyak Challenge July 19, 2025. The motion was seconded by Director Farrell. After discussion, roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Stochl, Hettermann, Hellyer, Mitchell and Farrell</p> <p>Absent: Director Haling</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p>
<b>6.2</b>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> Director Hellyer made a motion to approve a final draft of the 2025 Smokehouse Holdings LLC lease, effective March 1, 2025. The motion was seconded by Director Stochl. After discussion, roll call vote was taken. Joe Keller was authorized to sign subject to David McArdle edits to the draft.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Stochl, Hettermann, Hellyer, Mitchell and Farrell</p> <p>Absent: Director Haling</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p>
<b>6.3</b>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> Director Hettermann led the discussion regarding the 2025 dredging projects schedule.</p>
<b>7.0</b>	<p><b>Directors Reports</b></p>
<b>7.1</b>	<p><b>Executive Director:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reported on status of staff efforts and qualifications for channels to be added to the Agency dredge list.</li> </ul>

**7.2 Advisory Committee Reports & Recommendations**

Pat Smarto reported:

- Boat show – with booth – looking to fill 3 slots with volunteers.
- Stickers – Ann helping staff.
- UTube – 173 subscribers.
- Next meeting 3/3/25.

**7.3 Field Superintendent Report.**

Rob Bowman, reported:

- Crew working at Coopers (small cell).
- Dredging project at Haling – removing spoil pile; will work in mouth of channel next.
- Equipment is being worked on.

**8.0 Directors and Chairman Reports**

Chairman Blake: None

Director Hellyer: None.

Director Stochl: questioned Village pier work/permit and how FWA is involved; informed FWA has no specific jurisdiction; staff will be notified if length of proposed pier exceeds 50 feet; questioned minimum width of channels with boats on both sides; each boat cannot be greater than 1/3 width of channel.

Director Hettermann: None.

Director Mitchell: Commented on booth volunteers at boat show.

Director Farrell: None.

**Public Comment:**

Ron – 8<sup>th</sup> Street Channel; still desires to get on dredge list; Rob is to come up with estimate for this work and present it at next meeting.

Justin – Petite Lake Park – stormwater permit issued – township approved for funding.

**9.0 Executive Session**

**MOTION:** At 7:45, Director Hellyer made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel. The motion was seconded by Director Farrell. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent: Director Haling

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

Chairman Blake adjourned the meeting, at 8:15 p.m.

Approved: 2/25, 2025

  
Director Haling, Secretary