



Fox Waterway Agency
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 28, 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 Chuck Haling, Christine Stochl, Jason Hettermann, Bill Hellyer, Dan Mitchell and Christian Farrell

Absent: None

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 Haling made a motion to approve the January 24, 2024 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Mitchell. A roll call vote was taken.

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

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 \$1,315,979.03 through 1/31/24.

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, Hellyer, Mitchell and Farrell

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: January bills prepaid total \$44,048.07; February bills prepaid total \$129,937.25; additional checks paid during the month total \$1,618.56; and bills remaining to be paid total \$83,839.22; for a total amount of bills paid and to be paid of \$259,443.10.

MOTION: Director Mitchell made a motion to ratify and pay all the outstanding bills including approval of debits and checks prepaid all totaling \$259,443.10. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent: None

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

4.3 A/R Report

Director Mitchell reported on the accounts receivable as -\$53.95, of which \$66.05 is 120 days overdue.

5.0 Old Business

5.1 DCEO Grant Update.

Director Farrell informed the Board that he is looking forward to building bids being received mid-March.

5.2 Watershed Plan progress.

Director Hettermann informed the Board that:

- Watershed moving along;
- Meeting scheduled with stake holders;
- Two programs are scheduled; and
- Backup help from Agency staff may be needed.

5.3 Trinski Island Update

Director Stochl informed the Board that:

- Field data should be received by April;
- Public comments permitted until May;
- Resubmission of public comments until June; and
- Response from State expected in Fall.

6.0 New Business

6.1 MOTION: Director Farrell made a motion, seconded by Director Hellyer, to approve waiver of sticker fees on 30 One-Day Class J stickers for Antioch Community High School for the North Section of the Chain O'Lakes ISHA Sectional Tournament on May 2, 2024 (rain date May 6, 2024). A roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent: None

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

6.2 MOTION: Director Haling made a motion, seconded by Director Hellyer, to approve waiver of sticker fees for 20 One-Day Class J stickers for the Take-A-Vet Fishing event on May 19, 2024. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Hellyer, Mitchell and Farrell
 Absent: None
 Nay: None
 The Motion carried.

6.3 MOTION: Director Mitchell made a motion, seconded by Director Haling, to approve revised Ordinance to Section 4.12, Commercial Boat Identification and Section 4.13 Penalties of the Fox Waterway Agency Code of Rules and Regulations. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Hellyer, Mitchell and Farrell
 Absent: None
 Nay: None
 The Motion carried.

6.4 MOTION: Director Hellyer made a motion, seconded by Director Haling, to approve FWA slips and lot lease agreement with Smokehouse Holdings LLC. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Hellyer, Mitchell and Farrell
 Absent: None
 Nay: None
 The Motion carried.

6.5 MOTION: After Board discussion of a possible waterway restriction permit for McHenry Shamrocks the Fox on March 16, 2024 the proposed motion was tabled. A roll call vote was tabled.

7.0 Directors Reports

7.1 Executive Director:
 Executive Director Keller, reported that:

- Interviewing for bookkeeper;
- Announced that a front desk staff position is available;
- IDNR grant for flood control being researched by Executive Director.

7.2 Advisory Committee Reports & Recommendations
 Pat Smarto, Chairman, reported that:

- Boat show this weekend, two volunteer positions are still needed and open;
- Watershed submitted and approved by IEPA;
- Scheduled presentations are on March 15, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.
- The Fox River Summit presentation is scheduled for March 14th.
- Next Advisory meeting is scheduled for April 4th.

7.3 Field Superintendent Report.
 Rob Bowman, reported that:

- Crews busy emptying Coopers and Wall Street;
- Equipment is being repaired;
- Buoys and lights have been ordered.

8.0 Director Reports

- 8.1 Director Haling – None.
- Director Hellyer – None.
- Director Stochl – Suggested using waterproof ink on stickers.
- Director Hettermann – None.
- Director Mitchell – None.
- Director Farrell – None.

8.2 Chairman – Text from Friends of Lake Catherine – The Association received approval from IDNR to treat for milfoil with ProcellaCor, shoreline only Channel Lake and Lake Catherine; May 1 – mid-May.

Public Comment:

Chris Sheppard, Antioch:

- Lake Marie Race, September 21st-22nd;
- Planning Blarney Island Race, June 29th 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Mike, Athletic Director, Antioch:

- Thanks for support of high school anglers;
- Announced change of fishing dates to late fall.

Executive Session and Adjournment

MOTION: Chairman Blake made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss specific FWA personnel performance 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken:

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

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

MOTION: The FWA Board returned to open session at 8:45 p.m., and a combined roll call and motion to adjourn the meeting with no action taken as a result of the executive session was made by Chairman Blake and seconded by Director Haling.

A roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent: None

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

Approved: _____

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Director Haling, Secretary

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