



# **Fox Waterway Agency**

## ***Regular Meeting Minutes***

**March 26, 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 Chuck Haling, Bill Hellyer, Christine Stochl, Jason Hettermann, Dan Mitchell and Christian Farrell

**Absent:** None

**FWA Also Present:** Agency Attorney David W. McArdle, Executive Director Joe Keller, Field Superintendent Rob Bowman, Advisory Committee Member Pat Smarto

**2.0 Pledge of Allegiance**

**3.0 Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION:** Director Haling made a motion to approve the February 26, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Farrell. A roll call vote was taken.

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

**Absent:** None

**Abstain:** Director Haling

**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 \$430,765.32 through 2/28/25.

**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, Hellyer, Stochl, Hettermann, 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: February bills prepaid total \$73,000.64; March bills prepaid total \$83,321.81; additional checks paid during the month total \$23,744.52; and bills remaining to be paid total \$-0-; for a total amount of bills paid and to be paid of \$180,066.97.

**MOTION:** Director Mitchell made a motion to ratify and pay all the outstanding bills including approval of debits and checks prepaid totaling \$180,066.97. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent: None

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

**4.3 A/R Report**

Director Mitchell reported that there were no accounts receivables.

**5.0 Old Business****5.1 DCEO Pole Barn Update.**

Director Farrell informed the Board that permits from County have been received; excavation to proceed.

**5.2 Trinski Island Update**

Director Stochl informed the Board that:

- Modifications to the permit have been completed.
- Public notice should be out in a week.

**5.3 Status update on EPA Aeration Grant for Friends of Lake Catherine**

Bob Miceli from the association was present; reported that \$80,000 EPA funding may not be received.

**6.0 New Business**

**6.1 MOTION:** Director Hellyer made a motion to approve \$200 donation to the Annual Fox River Grove Fireworks celebration on Saturday, July 12, 2025. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. After discussion, roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent: None

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

**6.2 MOTION:** Director Stochl made a motion to approve WRP: Fox Lake Triathlon on June 8, 2025 and with that waive the bouy and boat fee, but still be responsible for the FWA labor costs incurred to install the bouys. The motion was seconded by Director Hellyer. After discussion, roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent: None

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

<b>6.3</b>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> Director Hettermann made a motion to approve 50 One-Day Class J stickers or one block of stickers for the Northwest Center Against Sexual Assault (NWCASA) kayak event at no cost to be held from Port Barrington to Algonquin on September 6, 2025 contingent upon all required paperwork/application being filed with the FWA. The motion was seconded by Director Hellyer. After discussion, roll call vote was taken, pending paperwork application.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Hellyer, Stochl, Hettermann, Mitchell and Farrell</p> <p>Absent: None</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p>
<b>6.4</b>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> Director Mitchell made a motion to approve the proposed standard operating procedure for payroll processing of salary increases or wage compensation. The motion was seconded by Director Stochl. After discussion, roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Hellyer, Stochl, Hettermann, Mitchell and Farrell</p> <p>Absent: None</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p>
<b>6.5</b>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> Director Mitchell made a motion to approve 2025 FWA Permanent Budget in compliance with the Illinois Municipal Budget Act. The motion was seconded by Director Farrell. After discussion, roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Hellyer, Stochl, Hettermann, Mitchell and Farrell</p> <p>Absent: None</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p>
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Directors Reports</b>
<b>7.1</b>	<p><b>Executive Director:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building permits for the two pole barns have been received; contractor lined up; pricing being confirmed.</li> <li>• Thanked people who attended the conference.</li> <li>• Went to Fox Waterway summit.</li> <li>• Comptroller advised \$1M ready to be disbursed to reimburse the FWA for the purchase of the Bauske I closing.</li> </ul>
<b>7.2</b>	<p><b>Advisory Committee Reports &amp; Recommendations</b></p> <p>Pat Smarto reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report provided re video and views.</li> <li>• Ladies of the chain; 4/12; Holly presenting.</li> <li>• Grant Township adopted a resolution for watershed plan.</li> <li>• Attended conference; Rob received award.</li> <li>• Suggested Zooming Board meetings.</li> <li>• 4/3 next advisory meeting.</li> </ul>

### 7.3 Field Superintendent Report.

Rob Bowman, reported:

- Work in Coopers, close to complete.
- Mouth of Haling's, north and south completed.
- Water levels, expected to slowly rise.
- Boats ready to be placed in water.
- Preconstruction meeting conducted with contractor Carmichel is being set.
- Cost structure for 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue: Hydrological dredge (8,800 cy) estimated cost--\$25,000; mechanical dredge estimated cost--\$115,000.

### 8.0 Directors and Chairman Reports-none

#### Public Comment:

- Pat Smarto question – questioned whether there was an agency penalty for duck blinds not removed by 4/1; yes.
- Justin--Petite Lake Pack update provided – Hey & Associates have been retained; ravine to be cleaned in fall/winter with construction after that.

### 9.0 Executive Session

**MOTION:** At 7:50, Director Hellyer made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss litigation and personnel. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent: None

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

Chairman Blake returned to open meeting, at 9:00 p.m.

#### Roll Call:

**Present:** Chairman Wayne Blake, Directors Chuck Haling, Bill Hellyer, Christine Stochl, Jason Hettermann, Dan Mitchell and Christian Farrell

**Absent:** None

**10.0 MOTION:** Director Hellyer made a motion to approve Resolution relative to Executive Session meeting minutes and recordings. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. After discussion, roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent: None

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

**11.0 MOTION:** At 9:05 p.m., Director Hellyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Stochl. Roll call was taken.

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

Absent: Director Hettermann

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

Approved:  5/23/25, 2025

Director Haling, Secretary

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