



**Fox Waterway Agency**  
***Regular Meeting Minutes***  
March 27, 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, Bill Hellyer, Dan Mitchell and Christian Farrell

**Absent:** Director Jason Hettermann

**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 February 28, 2024 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Mitchell. A roll call vote was taken.

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

**Absent:** Director Hettermann

**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 \$1,427,308.48 through 2/29/24.

**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, Hellyer, Mitchell and Farrell

**Absent:** Director Hettermann

**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 \$35,825.54; March bills prepaid total \$81,618.68; additional checks paid during the month total \$-0-; and bills remaining to be paid total \$111,664.18; for a total amount of bills paid and to be paid of \$229,108.40.

**MOTION:** Director Mitchell made a motion to ratify and pay all the outstanding bills including approval of debits and checks prepaid not to exceed \$229,108.40. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent: Director Hettermann

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

**4.3 A/R Report**

Director Mitchell reported on the accounts receivable as \$10,125.00, of which \$66.05 is 120 days overdue.

**Public Comment #1:** None

**First Executive Session**

**MOTION:** Chairman Blake made a motion, at 7:09 p.m., to enter into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Director Hettermann

The Motion carried.

**MOTION:** The FWA Board returned to open session at 7:55 p.m., and no resulting action was taken by the Board.

Roll call vote was taken back in open session.

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

Absent: Director Hetterman

**5.0 Old Business**

**5.1 Trinski Island Update.**

Director Stochl informed the Board:

- USACE will confirm wetland boundary at Monterrey Terrace
- USACE intends to visit the island
- USACE will review areas of emergency dredge placement
- Floodplain mitigation may be obtainable with reduced wetland impact
- The Agency needs to build its case for proposed improvements in governor's channel
- Shortly after USACE field visit public comment will be conducted via open house.

**6.0 New Business**

**6.1 MOTION:** Director Hellyer made a motion, seconded by Director Haling, to approve a \$200 donation to The Annual Fox River Grove Fireworks Celebration on Saturday July 6, 2024. A roll call vote was taken.  
Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hellyer, Mitchell and Farrell  
Absent: Director Hettermann  
Nay: None  
The Motion carried.

**6.2 MOTION:** Director Mitchell made a motion, seconded by Director Hellyer, to approve WRP: 7<sup>th</sup> Annual DamYak Challenge on July 20, 2024. A roll call vote was taken.  
Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hellyer, Mitchell and Farrell  
Absent: Director Hettermann  
Nay: None  
The Motion carried.

**6.3 MOTION:** Director Haling made a motion, seconded by Director Hellyer, to discuss and approve waived fees on 20 One-Day Class J stickers for Lakes Community High school NLCC Tournament on April 18, 2024 (rain date April 19, 2024). A roll call vote was taken.  
Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hellyer, Mitchell and Farrell  
Absent: Director Hettermann  
Nay: None  
The Motion carried.

**6.4 MOTION:** Director Stochl made a motion, seconded by Director Mitchell, to discuss and approve waived fees on 50 One-Day Class J stickers for Catching Bass and Kicking Cancer's Ass Benefit Fishing Tournament on August 25, 2024, for Klyynn Larkin who is battling Germinoma Brain Cancer. A roll call vote was taken.  
Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hellyer, Mitchell and Farrell  
Absent: Director Hettermann  
Nay: None  
The Motion carried.

**6.5 MOTION:** Director Farrell made a motion, seconded by Director Haling, to discuss and approve Carmichael Construction as low bidder for the DCEO Grant Funded Pole Barn Project NTE \$1,267,734.00. A roll call vote was taken.  
Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hellyer, Mitchell and Farrell  
Absent: Director Hettermann  
Nay: None  
The Motion carried.

**6.6 MOTION:** Director Hettermann/Chairwoman Smarto made a motion, seconded by Director Farrell, to approve a Resolution to Adopt the Chain O'Lakes Watershed-Based Plan. A roll call vote was taken.  
Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hellyer, Mitchell and Farrell  
Absent: Director Hettermann  
Nay: None  
The Motion carried.

<b>6.7</b>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> Director Mitchell made a motion, seconded by Director Stochl, to approve 2024 FWA Permanent Budget in compliance with the Illinois Municipal Budget Act. A roll call vote was taken.  Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hellyer, Mitchell and Farrell  Absent: Director Hettermann  The Motion carried.</p>
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Directors Reports</b>
<b>7.1</b>	<p><b>Executive Director:</b>  Executive Director Keller, reported that: No report.</p>
<b>7.2</b>	<p><b>Advisory Committee Reports &amp; Recommendations</b>  Pat Smarto, Chairman, reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Watershed plan was approved on March 13, 2024; presentations were well attended.</li> <li>• March 14 was the Fox River summit; Pat Smarto made presentation.</li> <li>• Committee is ready to present mini presentations of watershed plan.</li> <li>• Committee is willing to present summary of watershed plan to FWA Board.</li> <li>• April 4<sup>th</sup> next Advisory meeting, focusing on cleanup of waterway.</li> <li>• The Committee is seeking employee to assist in efforts in implementing 10-year plan.</li> </ul>
<b>7.3</b>	<p><b>Field Superintendent Report.</b>  Rob Bowman, reported :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff still working in Cooper.</li> <li>• Staff waiting on dredge permits.</li> <li>• Boat maintenance ongoing.</li> <li>• Wall Street plan is with County for approval.</li> </ul>
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Director and Chairman Reports and Public Comment #2-none</b>
<b>Second Executive Session and Adjournment</b>	
<p><b>MOTION:</b> At 8:26 p.m., Chairman Blake made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss employee personnel performance. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken:  Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hellyer, Mitchell and Farrell  Absent: Director Hettermann  The Motion carried.</p>	
<p><b>MOTION:</b> Director Hellyer made a motion to return to open session at 9:27 p.m. and adjourn the meeting with no action taken as a result of the executive session. The motion was seconded by Director Mitchell. A roll call vote was taken.</p>	
<p>Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hellyer, Mitchell and Farrell  Absent: Director Hettermann  The Motion carried.</p>	

Approved:                     3/25                    , 2024  
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