



Fox Waterway Agency

Regular Meeting Minutes

April 23, 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 March 26, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Farrell. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Directors Haling, Hellyer, Stochl, Hettermann, 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 \$1,515,100.56 through 3/31/25.

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, Hellyer, Stochl, Hettermann, Mitchell and Farrell

Absent: None

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

4.2	Approval of Bills <p>Director Mitchell presented the monthly bills for payment and ratification of bills previously paid as follows: March bills prepaid total \$40,830.42; April bills prepaid total \$103,421.32; additional checks paid during the month total \$85,012.22; and bills remaining to be paid total \$-0-; for a total amount of bills paid and to be paid of \$229,263.96.</p> <p>MOTION: Director Mitchell made a motion to ratify and pay all the outstanding bills including approval of debits and checks prepaid totaling \$229,263.96. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A 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>
4.3	A/R Report <p>Director Mitchell reported that there were no accounts receivables.</p>
5.0	Old Business
5.1	DCEO Pole Barn Update. <p>Director Farrell informed the Board that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects moving forward; • Discussed Wall Street; Heating source issues – propane/LP--natural gas; Radiant heat tubes versus heated floors; • Looking into easement under railroad tracks to run gas line.
5.2	Trinski Island Update <p>Director Stochl informed the Board that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public notice is published regarding Trinski project; • Public comment ends May 19th.
6.0	New Business
6.1	<p>MOTION: Director Farrell made a motion to approve WRP: Blarney Island Drag Boat Races on Thursday nights May 22 – August 28, 2025 with one race on Saturday, July 19, 2025. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. 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>
6.2	<p>MOTION: Director Hettermann made a motion to approve WRP: Shake the Lake July 4-6, 2025. The motion was seconded by Director Hellyer. 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>

6.3	<p>MOTION: Director Haling made a motion to approve waiver of fees for 50 One-Day Class J stickers for the ICASST, LLC Fox/Chain Tournament on May 4, 2025. The motion was seconded by Director Hellyer. 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>
6.4	<p>MOTION: Director Stochl made a motion to approve waiver of fees for 20 One-Day Class J stickers for the Take-A-Vet Fishing event on May 18, 2025. The motion was seconded by Director Mitchell. 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>
6.5	<p>MOTION: The Board discussed the anticipated upcoming vacancy for McHenry County Director and after discussion the matter was tabled until the next meeting. The attorney was directed to look into the requirement or recommendation of advertisement of the vacancy.</p>
7.0	Directors Reports
7.1	<p>Executive Director:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sticker activity increasing; • Searching for State/Federal funding of projects; • Projects beginning on Wall Street; • Intern search ongoing to help watershed plan development; • IDNR changes ongoing.
7.2	<p>Advisory Committee Reports & Recommendations</p> <p>Pat Smarto reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She spent a day at the Lake County fairground regarding matters including stabilizing of shorelines; • Filming has slowed down; • New Advisory Board member is being interviewed – may start in July.
7.3	<p>Field Superintendent Report.</p> <p>Rob Bowman, reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coopers completed; • Buoys in next week; • Water levels close to normal.
8.0	<p>Directors and Chairman Reports-</p> <p><u>Director Stochl:</u> Confirmed if water level never reaches normal pool – no refund of sticker fees.</p> <p><u>Other Directors and Chairman:</u> None</p>

Public Comment:

1. Josh Gable, Volo: Questioned depth of channel outside Agency office.
2. Ryan, Cary: Questioned planning for his Association dredge schedule; currently 10th on list; best guess, two years.
3. Mike S., Nippersink, McHenry: Questioned when his area would be dredged – Nippersink Creek, Chairman said they are dredging after building pads installed – end of May, main navigation will be done first.
4. Rob Bryson: Water levels, 28 high levels past 10 years, FWA has limited control.
5. Calvin C.: Discussed presentation; looking for donation of J Class stickers.

9.0 Executive Session

MOTION: At 8:55 p.m., Director Hellyer made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss specific personnel and property acquisition. 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.

Director Hellyer returned to open meeting, at 9:30 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 9:40 p.m., Director Hellyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Haling. Roll call was taken.

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

Absent: Director Hettermann

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

Approved: 5/28, 2025

Director Haling, Secretary

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