



Fox Waterway Agency
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 24, 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, Jason Hettermann, Bill Hellyer, Dan Mitchell and Christian Farrell

Absent: Director Christine Stochl

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 March 27, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Hellyer. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Directors Haling, Hellyer, Mitchell and Farrell

Absent: Director Stochl

Abstain: Director Hettermann

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 \$1,440,435.59 through 3/29/24.

MOTION: Director Haling 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 Haling, Hettermann, Hellyer, Mitchell and Farrell

Absent: Director Stochl

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: March bills prepaid total \$56,640.61; April bills prepaid total \$94,104.03; additional checks paid during the month total \$18,498.00; and bills remaining to be paid total \$127,286.56; for a total amount of bills paid and to be paid of \$296,529.20.

MOTION: Director Mitchell made a motion to ratify and pay all the outstanding bills including approval of debits and checks prepaid not to exceed \$296,529.20. The motion was seconded by Director Hellyer. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent: Director Stochl

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

4.3 A/R Report

Director Mitchell reported on the accounts receivable as \$9,730.00, none of which are 120 days overdue.

5.0 Old Business

5.1 DCEO Grant Update.

Director Farrell informed the Board:

- County permit process is moving forward.
- Engineering plans are being updated.

6.0 New Business

6.1 MOTION: Director Mitchell made a motion, seconded by Director Haling, to appoint FWA Bookkeeper Anita Cisneros as IMRF Authorized Agent. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent: Director Stochl

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

6.2 MOTION: Director Hellyer made a motion, seconded by Director Haling, requesting assistance from the FWA and the use of a barge for the Department of Illinois AMVETS Fishing event on Wednesday, June 26, 2024. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent: Director Stochl

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

6.3 MOTION: Director Farrell made a motion, seconded by Director Hellyer, to approve WRP and waive fees: Celebrate Fox Lake on Saturday, June 29, 2024 (rain date June 30, 2024). A roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent: Director Stochl

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

<p>6.4</p>	<p>MOTION: Director Farrell made a motion, seconded by Director Hellyer, to approve WRP: Blarney Island Drag Boat Races on Thursday nights between May 23 and August 29, 2024 and June 29, 2024. A roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Hettermann, Hellyer, Mitchell and Farrell</p> <p>Absent: Director Stochl</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p>
<p>6.5</p>	<p>MOTION: Director Hettermann made a motion, seconded by Director Haling, to approve WRP: Fox Lake Triathlon on June 9, 2024. A roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Hettermann, Hellyer, Mitchell and Farrell</p> <p>Absent: Director Stochl</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p>
<p>6.6</p>	<p>MOTION: Director Hettermann made a motion, seconded by Director Hellyer, to approve WRP: Shake the Lake Friday-Sunday, July 5-7, 2024. A roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Hettermann, Hellyer, Mitchell and Farrell</p> <p>Absent: Director Stochl</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p>
<p>6.7</p>	<p>MOTION: Director Haling made a motion, seconded by Director Mitchell, to discuss and approve replacement Ford Explorer NTE \$41,571. A roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Hettermann, Hellyer, Mitchell and Farrell</p> <p>Absent: Director Stochl</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p>
<p>6.8</p>	<p>MOTION: Director Hellyer made a motion, seconded by Director Hellyer, to discuss and approve purchase of a 2018 John Deere 650 Bulldozer from Auction in the amount of \$78,637.50. A roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Hettermann, Hellyer, Mitchell and Farrell</p> <p>Absent: Director Stochl</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p>
<p>6.9</p>	<p>MOTION: Director Haling made a motion, seconded by Director Farrell, to approve Equipment to Auction list. A roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Hettermann, Hellyer, Mitchell and Farrell</p> <p>Absent: Director Stochl</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p>
<p>7.0</p>	<p>Directors Reports</p>

7.1 Executive Director:

Executive Director Keller, reported:

- New employees Denise and Anita have started work at the Agency.
- The Agency former bookkeeper is helping in the transition.
- The Executive Director noted that commercial sticker sales are increasing.

7.2 Advisory Committee Reports & Recommendations

Pat Smarto, Chairman, reported:

- Watershed program was approved in February.
- Lake County watershed grant application deadline is coming up in May.
- Petite Lake HOA is working with its township.
- Lake Marie project discussed.
- Petite Lake grant for aerators is off until 2025.
- Pat and the Committee are looking for a date to present the watershed plan to the FWA Board.

7.3 Field Superintendent Report.

Rob Bowman, reported:

- Discussed flooding situation which could have been much more serious if water levels were higher.
- Debris calls are being fielded and responded to. Two weeks of work to collect debris remain, using 2 crews.
- Buoys planned on being installed after flood debris cleanup is completed.
- Cooper work is still ongoing.
- Work has started at Haling's.
- Dredge up and running.
- Dirt field open and sales ongoing.
- Two calls regarding no wake modifications.

8.0 Directors and Chairman Reports-None

Public Comment:

Rob –

- Requested Board to consider incorporation of environmental benefits when purchasing equipment.
- Discussed need to engage stakeholders and share data.

Executive Session and Adjournment

MOTION: Director Hellyer made a motion, at 8:19 p.m., to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel and land acquisition. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken:

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

Absent: Director Stochl

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

MOTION: The FWA Board returned to open session at 8:44 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.

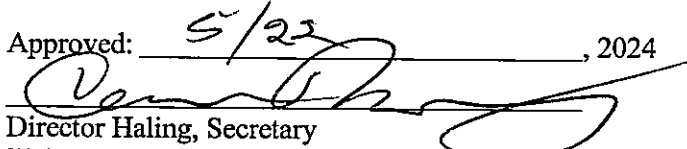
Aye: Directors Haling, Hettermann, Hellyer, Mitchell and Farrell

Absent: Director Stochl

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

Approved: 5/23, 2024


Director Haling, Secretary

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