



# Fox Waterway Agency

## *Regular Meeting Minutes*

May 22, 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 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 April 24, 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 Hettermann

**Abstain:** Director Stochl

**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 \$1,485,470.65 through 4/30/24.

**MOTION:** Director Hellyer 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.

<p><b>4.2</b></p>	<p><b>Approval of Bills</b></p> <p>Director Mitchell presented the monthly bills for payment and ratification of bills previously paid as follows: April bills prepaid total \$33,345.44; May bills prepaid total \$82,607.03; additional checks paid during the month total \$41,770.03; and bills remaining to be paid total \$33,838.09; for a total amount of bills paid and to be paid of \$191,560.59.</p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> Director Mitchell made a motion to ratify and pay all the outstanding bills including approval of debits and checks prepaid not to exceed \$191,560.59. The motion was seconded by Director Hellyer. A roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hellyer, Mitchell and Farrell</p> <p>Absent: Director Hettermann</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p>
<p><b>4.3</b></p>	<p><b>A/R Report</b></p> <p>Director Mitchell reported on the accounts receivable as \$105.76, none of which are 120 days overdue.</p>
<p><b>5.0</b></p>	<p><b>Old Business</b></p>
<p><b>5.1</b></p>	<p><b>DCEO Grant Update.</b></p> <p>Director Farrell informed the Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pole Barn update – contractor Carmichael was present at the sites, but still waiting for County permits and final plan submittals.</li> </ul>
<p><b>5.2</b></p>	<p><b>2024 Dredging Schedule</b></p> <p>Executive Director Keller informed the Board that the staff intends to work on 2023 approved plans and projects into the 2024 season.</p>
<p><b>5.3</b></p>	<p><b>Trinski Island Update</b></p> <p>Director Stochl informed the Board that staff is waiting to hear from the Army Corps regarding confirmation of the wetland boundaries.</p>
<p><b>6.0</b></p>	<p><b>New Business</b></p>
<p><b>6.1</b></p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> Director Mitchell made a motion, seconded by Director Haling, to approved WRP: Pistakee Bay Fireworks on July 6, 2024, with a rain date of July 13, 2024. Pistakee Bay Fireworks and all fees be waived, all contingent on getting a permit being issued by the McHenry Township Fire Protection District A roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hellyer, Mitchell and Farrell</p> <p>Absent: Director Hettermann</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p>
<p><b>6.2</b></p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> Chairwoman Smarto presented a summary of the new Watershed Plan.</p>

6.3	<p><b>MOTION:</b> Director Haling initiated a discussion of possible rental of the FWA's IMS 10 dredge. Following the discussion, staff will look further into the matter and bring this matter back for discussion and direction at the next board meeting. Issues to address in any purchase or lease agreement include: possible purchase vs lease agreement; include in recitals the fact that the dredge is not in operating condition and has not been used by the Agency for 10 years; if leased: attachment of drawing depicting limits of area to be dredged with the leased equipment; property and injury release and indemnity—agree on value of dredge if damaged/destroyed; insurance to secure the indemnity obligation; possible purchase of agency piping or exclusion from the lease agreement; gas, labor and maintenance obligations on the lease; tenant to operate the equipment using FWA State dredge permit.</p>
7.0	<p><b>Directors Reports</b></p>
7.1	<p><b>Executive Director:</b> Executive Director Keller, reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noted it is safety week and beginning of the season;</li> <li>• Due to watershed plan, staff submitted five projects to State for grants; 3 of which have been accepted to proceed</li> <li>• Reported on commercial sticker enforcement.</li> </ul>
7.2	<p><b>Advisory Committee Reports &amp; Recommendations</b> Pat Smarto, Chairman, reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>June</u> – designated as clean up month;</li> <li>• <u>July</u> trip being scheduled.</li> </ul>
7.3	<p><b>Field Superintendent Report.</b> Rob Bowman, reported :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recent floods have triggered significant staff response and attention;</li> <li>• Navigation aids being installed by Memorial Day weekend.</li> </ul>
8.0	<p><b>Directors and Chairman Reports</b></p>
	<p><u>Director Haling</u> – Noted many fishing tournaments taking place; plans to clean up his shoreline.  <u>Director Hellyer</u> – None.  <u>Director Stochl</u> – None.  <u>Director Hettermann</u> – Absent.  <u>Director Mitchell</u> – None.  <u>Director Farrell</u> – Inquired about possibility of silent auction to raise funds.  <u>Chairman Blake</u> – None.</p>
	<p><b>Public Comment:</b>  <u>Justin Shields</u> – Reported status of their project; County agencies have been out and permitting obtained; Hey &amp; Associates also on scene.</p>

**MOTION:** Director Hellyer made a motion, at 8:30 p.m., to enter Executive Session to review and possibly release certain executive session meeting minutes and discuss possible land acquisition. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call was taken.

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

Absent: Director Hettermann

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

At 9:15 the FWA Board returned to open session. Roll call was taken:

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

Absent: Director Hettermann

**MOTION:** Director Mitchell made a motion, seconded by Director Haling, to approve the draft Resolution Relating to Executive Session Meeting Minutes and Recordings.

A roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent: Director Hettermann

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

**MOTION:** At 9:17 p.m., Director Hellyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Haling. Roll call was taken.

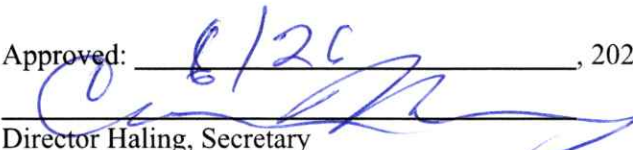
Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hellyer, Mitchell and Farrell

Absent: Director Hettermann

Nay: None

The Motion carried

Approved: 8/20, 2024

  
Director Haling, Secretary

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