



# Fox Waterway Agency

## *Regular Meeting Minutes*

May 28, 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, Christine Stochl, Jason Hettermann, Dan Mitchell and Christian Farrell

**Vacant Seat:** Bill Hellyer/McHenry County

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

**Aye:** Directors Haling, 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 \$1,634,859.13 through 4/30/25.

**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, Stochl, Hettermann, Mitchell and Farrell

**Absent:** None

**Nay:** None

The Motion carried.

<b>4.2</b>	<b>Approval of Bills</b> <p>Director Mitchell presented the monthly bills for payment and ratification of bills previously paid as follows: April bills prepaid total \$62,958.75; May bills prepaid total \$52,690.88; additional checks paid during the month total \$132,725.72; and bills remaining to be paid total \$-0-; for a total amount of bills paid and to be paid of \$248,375.35.</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 totaling \$248,375.35. The motion was seconded by Director Stochl. A roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Mitchell and Farrell</p> <p>Absent: None</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p>
<b>4.3</b>	<b>A/R Report</b> <p>Director Mitchell reported on the accounts receivables as \$8,580.00, none of which is over 120 days past due.</p>
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Old Business</b>
<b>5.1</b>	<b>DCEO Pole Barn Update.</b> <p>Director Farrell informed the Board that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Wall Street</u> – photos of progress on Wall Street building distributed.</li> <li>• Nicor proposed cost of \$25,000; engineer rough cost estimate \$75,000 total.</li> <li>• Nicor may provide recapture for installation cost.</li> <li>• <u>L-10</u> – updated cost for in floor heat \$62,000 – whole building.</li> </ul>
<b>5.2</b>	<b>Trinski Island Update:</b> Director Stochl provided verbal report to Board
<b>6.0</b>	<b>New Business</b>
<b>6.1</b>	<b>MOTION:</b> Staff member/notary public Anita Cisneros conducted the swearing in of newly elected board members Chairman Wayne Blake, Directors Christine Stochl and Chuck Hailing.
<b>6.2</b>	<b>MOTION:</b> The Board discussed current vacancy for the McHenry director position and directed more solicitation of eligibles with the intention to select at the next meeting.
<b>6.3</b>	<b>MOTION:</b> Director Mitchell made a motion to approve appointment of Advisory Committee Secretary Anne Basten as Commissioner to the three (3) person Ethics Committee for a two (2) year term beginning on July 7, 2025 – June 30, 2027. The motion was seconded by Director Farrell. After discussion, roll call vote was taken. <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Mitchell and Farrell</p> <p>Absent: None</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p>

6.4	<p><b>MOTION:</b> Director Hettermann made a motion to approve Conner Lemcke as a new member of the Advisory Committee. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. After discussion, roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Mitchell and Farrell</p> <p>Absent: None</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p>
6.5	<p><b>MOTION:</b> Director Mitchell made a motion to approve waiver of boat fees for 10 one-day Class J stickers for a Lower River Cruise on June 7, 2025, and 20 one-day Class J stockers for an in-water boat show at Famous Freddie's on July 12, 2025, for the Blackhawk Chapter of the Antique and Classic Boat Society, Inc. The motion was seconded by Director Farrell. After discussion, roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Mitchell and Farrell</p> <p>Absent: None</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p>
6.6	<p><b>MOTION:</b> Director Stochl made a motion to approve WRP for Celebrate Fox Lake on Saturday, June 28, 2025, with a rain date off June 29, 2025. Nippersink Lake will be NO WAKE from 8 pm to Midnight on the date of the show. Village of Fox Lake is requesting a fee waiver. The motion was seconded by Director Farrell. After discussion, roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Mitchell and Farrell</p> <p>Absent: None</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p>
6.7	<p><b>MOTION:</b> Director Mitchell made a motion to approve WRP: Pistakee Bay Fireworks on July 12, 2025, with a rain date of July 19, 2025. Pistakee Lake will be NO WAKE from 8 pm to Midnight on the date of the show. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. After discussion, roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Mitchell and Farrell</p> <p>Absent: None</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p>
6.8	<p><b>MOTION:</b> Director Hettermann made a motion to approve WRP: 2025 Hurricane on the Chain event on September 20 &amp; 21, 2025. Lake Marie will be NO WAKE from 10 am-5 pm on both days. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. After discussion, roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, and Mitchell</p> <p>Absent: None</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>Abstain: Director Farrell</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p>

6.9	<p><b>MOTION:</b> Director Farrell made a motion to approve the FWA participation in the AMVETS Post 245 Veterans Picnic for hospitalized disabled veterans on June 25, 2025. The motion was seconded by Director Stochl. After discussion, roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Mitchell and Farrell</p> <p>Absent: None</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p>
6.10	<p><b>MOTION:</b> Director Mitchell made a motion to approve a \$300 donation to the Fleet 17 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Venetian Night Boat Parade on August 9, 2025. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. After discussion, roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Mitchell and Farrell</p> <p>Absent: None</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p>
7.0	<p><b>Directors Reports</b></p>
7.1	<p><b>Executive Director:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reported on Bauske Marina II purchase;</li> <li>• Office very busy with sticker sales;</li> <li>• Went to Madison looking for Walton Foundation grant;</li> <li>• Working on legislation to provide for additional revenue to the Agency.</li> </ul>
7.2	<p><b>Advisory Committee Reports &amp; Recommendations</b></p> <p>Pat Smarto reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stormwater videos recently published;</li> <li>• WGN recently highlighted Fox Lake;</li> <li>• Venetian night will be on 8/23;</li> <li>• Next meeting in July – date not yet determined.</li> </ul>
7.3	<p><b>Field Superintendent Report.</b></p> <p>Rob Bowman, reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promote Fox Lake looking for WRP;</li> <li>• Late summer firework WRP may be requested at Dingy's;</li> <li>• Buoys all in; customer concern on the rise including duck blind removal issues;</li> <li>• Intending to dredge channel adjacent to FWA office;</li> <li>• Equipment ready for season.</li> </ul>

## 8.0 Directors and Chairman Reports-

Chairman Blake: Reported on ten most polluted lakes – Fox Lake noted for E Coli.

Director Haling: Nothing

Director Stochl: Nothing

Director Hettermann: Nothing

Director Mitchell: Noted his recent Blarney Island engagement!!

Director Farrell: Nothing

### Public Comment:

1. Carl Ochwein – Ackermann people violating no wake, could sheriffs police monitor from shore? Mr. Poteot, Ackerman, at hairpin turn, wants no wake signs.
2. Jennifer Gimmell – Glen Ellyn, Blackhawk Chapter, thank you.
3. Laura Walter – Pistakee Highlands, website says completed.
4. Justin Schid – Petite Lake Park, snake, fail, ravine water.
5. Alan – Algonquin, agrees rep from lower river important.

## 9.0 Executive Session

**MOTION:** At 8:20 p.m., Director Haling made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss potential litigation and personnel. The motion was seconded by Director Hettermann. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent: None

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

## 10.0 Board returned to open session at 9:20 p.m.

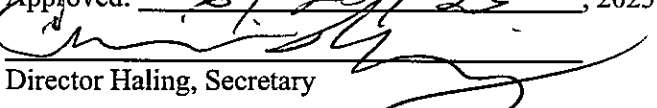
### Roll Call:

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

**Absent:** None

At 9:25 p.m., Chairman Blake declared the meeting adjourned.

Approved: 6/25/25, 2025

  
Director Haling, Secretary

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