



Fox Waterway Agency

Regular Meeting Minutes

June 25, 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 May 28, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Mitchell. 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 \$511,832.86 through 5/31/25.

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

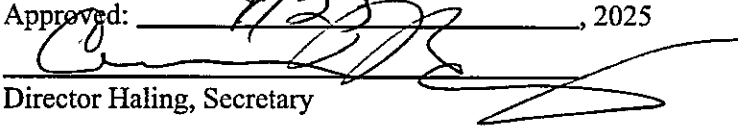
Absent: None

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

4.2	<p>Approval of Bills</p> <p>Director Mitchell presented the monthly bills for payment and ratification of bills previously paid as follows: May bills prepaid total \$78,638.12; June bills prepaid total \$82,206.63; additional checks paid during the month total \$52.05; and bills remaining to be paid total \$-0-; for a total amount of bills paid and to be paid of \$288,781.02.</p> <p>MOTION: Director Mitchell made a motion to ratify and pay all the outstanding bills including approval of debits and checks prepaid totaling \$288,781.02. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. 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>
4.3	<p>A/R Report</p> <p>Director Mitchell reported on the accounts receivables as \$6,907.90, none of which is over 120 days past due.</p>
5.0	Old Business
5.1	<p>DCEO Pole Barn Update.</p> <p>Director Farrell informed the Board that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buildings on both sites are progressing; L10 -- framed and floor base being prepared, site about 20% completed; Wall Street trusses ready to be set, site about 10% complete; • Activity photos shown to Board.
5.2	<p>Trinski Island Update.</p> <p>Director Stochl informed the Board that public comments received are being processed through the USACE. Public benefit language being prepared for the IDNR and 401 application to IEPA. Once submitted, IEPA has 120 days to approve or deny.</p>
6.0	New Business
6.1	<p>MOTION: Director Stochl addressed the requested WRP regarding Fox Lake Venetian Night: August 23, 2025 with a NO WAKE zone modification in Nippersink Lake for the duration of the event 1pm to 10pm. Seeking a fee waiver for the event. Because the Lake County Sheriff raised issues that need to be addressed the matter was tabled to next meeting.</p>
6.2	<p>MOTION: Director Mitchell lead a discussion regarding applicants to fill the vacancy for the McHenry director position. Because applications were still being received, the matter was tabled until the next meeting.</p>
6.3	<p>MOTION: Director Farrell made a motion to accept the lowest responsible and responsive bid of Blake Schaefer for installing and grading all of the water detention basins along with outflow at Wall Street soil processing site not to exceed \$115,000. The motion was seconded by Director Mitchell. 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	Directors Reports

7.1 Executive Director:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governor's budget was approved including approximately \$1M for the FWA--flood control; in addition, another \$1M was included in the budget for FWA but not yet funded.
7.2 Advisory Committee Reports & Recommendations	<p>Pat Smarto:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gave the Board an update on social media progress; • Reported on triathlon; • July 8th tour scheduled in Johnsburg; • 8/23 boat show, FWA to have booth 1:00-4:00 p.m.
7.3 Field Superintendent Report.	<p>Rob Bowman, reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • East side Grass Lake, hydrologic dredging in process; • Nippersink/Orchard Heights being worked on; • Staff worked AmVet event; • Receiving calls on weeds and dredging.
8.0 Directors and Chairman Reports-	<p><u>Chairman Blake</u>: Boller Construction inquired about Fox Lake extending pier 150 feet. <u>Director Haling</u>: Noted: Fox Lake should be point to measure water level – requested letter be sent. <u>Director Stochl</u>: None. <u>Director Hettermann</u>: Discussed Governor's channel/Trinski issues. <u>Director Mitchell</u>: None. <u>Director Farrell</u>: None.</p>
Public Comment:	<p><u>Karl Olmine</u> -- Antioch – No wake being violated repeatedly; Akerman Channel; staff suggested signage vs buoys. <u>Chris</u> -- Antioch – Interested in Advisory Committee.</p>
9.0 MOTION: At 8:30 p.m. with no further business of the Fox Waterway Agency, Chairman Blake declared the meeting adjourned.	

Approved: 7/23/25, 2025

 Director Haling, Secretary

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