



Fox Waterway Agency

Regular Meeting Minutes

June 26, 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, Jason Hettermann, Bill Hellyer, and Christian Farrell

Absent: Director Dan Mitchell

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 May 22, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Farrell. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent: Director Mitchell

Abstain: None

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

4.0 Treasurer's Report & Acceptance of Bills & Other Financials

4.1 Treasurer's Report

Staff via Anita Cisneros provided the Treasurer's Report which reflects a cash balance of \$1,753.252.45 through 5/31/24.

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

Absent: Director Mitchell

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

4.2	Approval of Bills <p>Director Haling presented the monthly bills for payment and ratification of bills previously paid as follows: May bills prepaid total \$72,136.26; June bills prepaid total \$90,159.46; additional checks paid during the month total \$3,310.65; and bills remaining to be paid total \$76,572.83; for a total amount of bills paid and to be paid of \$242,179.20.</p> <p>MOTION: Director Haling made a motion to ratify and pay all the outstanding bills including approval of debits and checks prepaid not to exceed \$242,179.20. The motion was seconded by Director Hellyer. A roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Hellyer, and Farrell Absent: Director Mitchell Nay: None The Motion carried.</p>
4.3	A/R Report <p>No report presented.</p>
5.0	Old Business
5.1	DCEO Pole Barn Update. <p>Director Farrell informed the Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engineer's discussion with contractor occurred • Contractor hoping for permits to be issued by September
5.2	Trinski Island Update <p>Director Stochl informed the Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 11 meeting with Army Corps staff • Wetland mitigation being discussed • Permit issuance discussed
6.0	New Business
6.1	<p>MOTION: The Board discussed reduced or waived fees for 30 Class J (one-day) stickers for the Chicago John Dineen Lodge #7 2024 Fishing Derby on Monday September 9, 2024.</p> <p>After discussion, the matter was tabled until the next meeting</p>
6.2	<p>MOTION: Director Stochl made a motion to approve waiver of sticker fees for 80 Class J (one-day) stickers for the Illinois Bass Youth Series on September 22, 2024. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Hellyer, and Farrell Absent: Director Mitchell Nay: None The Motion carried.</p>

6.3	<p>MOTION: Director Stochl made a motion to approve WRP: DamYak Challenge Lake County on September 14, 2024, including waiver of the daily sticker permit fee. The motion was seconded by Haling. A roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Hellyer, and Farrell</p> <p>Absent: Director Mitchell</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p>
6.4	<p>MOTION: Director Hettermann made a motion to re appoint Randy Sweet, Commission Chairman/Commissioner and Pat Smarto, Commissioner to the Ethics Committee for a term to begin July 1, 2024 and to end June 30, 2026. The motion was seconded by Haling. A roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Hellyer, and Farrell</p> <p>Absent: Director Mitchell</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p>
6.5	<p>MOTION: Director Hellyer made a motion to approve a resolution relating to Executive Session Meeting Minutes and Recordings. The motion was seconded by Farrell. A roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Hellyer, and Farrell</p> <p>Absent: Director Mitchell</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p>
6.6	<p>MOTION: Director Haling continued discussion from the last meeting of possible rental arrangements for the FWA's IMS 10 Dredge. After a full Board discussion, the matter was again tabled until the next meeting.</p>
6.7	<p>MOTION: Director Hettermann made a motion to approve WRP: Hurricane on the Chain event on September 22, 2024. Lake Marie will be NO WAKE from 10 am to 5 pm for the event. The motion was seconded by Haling. A roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann and Hellyer</p> <p>Absent: Director Mitchell</p> <p>Abstain: Director Farrell</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p>
7.1	<p>Executive Director:</p> <p>Executive Director Keller made a personal report regarding father who recently passed.</p>
7.2	<p>Advisory Committee Reports & Recommendations</p> <p>Pat Smarto, Chairman, reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June Junk challenge report given • May do similar event in the fall • 7/18/24 tour scheduled for Lake Front Park, Fox Lake • Attended Fox Lake Board meeting; encouraging resolution in favor of watershed plan was discussed • Next Advisory meeting 9/6/24

7.3 Field Superintendent Report.

Rob Bowman, reported:

- Weather events - 3"-4" rain resulted in flooding across the chain
- Clean up calls into Agency has delayed Orchard Heights project
- Nippersink Creek project moving forward
- Ashland Channel project moving forward
- Ready to prepare grade for pole barn buildings to be constructed once permits issued
- Fireworks show scheduled for 6/29/24

8.0 Directors and Chairman Reports

Director Hettermann – Allan Goldbach, Fox Lake Coast Guard medal received, recognized for service to community

Remaining Directors Present- None

Public Comment:

Scott Achtor, Lakeview Estates – Redhead Lake in bad shape; asked about plans to dredge

Jeff Riddell, Nippersink Channel

9.0 MOTION: Director Hellyer made a motion, at 8:00 p.m., to enter Executive Session to discuss property acquisition 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5).

The motion was seconded by Director Stochl. A roll call was taken.

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

Absent: Director Mitchell

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

At 8:30 the FWA Board returned to open session. Roll call was taken:

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

Absent: Director Mitchell

MOTION: At 8:30 p.m., Director Hellyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Haling. Roll call was taken.

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

Absent: Director Mitchell

Nay: None

The Motion carried

Approved: 7/1/24, 2024

Director Haling, Secretary

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