



Fox Waterway Agency

Regular Meeting Minutes

July 23, 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 June 25, 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 \$569,417.41 through 6/30/25.

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.

4.2	<p>Approval of Bills</p> <p>Director Mitchell presented the monthly bills for payment and ratification of bills previously paid as follows: June bills prepaid total \$53,980.60; July bills prepaid total \$114,978.33; additional checks paid during the month total \$35,350.00; and bills remaining to be paid total \$387,762.43; for a total amount of bills paid and to be paid of \$592,071.36.</p> <p>MOTION: Director Mitchell made a motion to ratify and pay all the outstanding bills including approval of debits and checks prepaid totaling \$592,071.36. 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 \$5,509.00, 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, with regard to the Wall Street property, there was a brief delay in construction due to the location of triple basin sink tank; it is propose to be relocated to the east side of building; otherwise, schedule is being met.</p>
5.2	<p>Trinski Island Update.</p> <p>Director Stochl informed the Board that the FWA responses have been filed with the appropriate governments and the process is within the review by the IEPA and USARC's 120-day window. The executive director is in touch with the governments to ensure funding remains in place.</p>
6.0	New Business
6.1	<p>MOTION: Director Stochl made a motion to approve issuance of a waterway restriction permit, with a fee waiver, to Promote Fox Lake, an Illinois Not-for-Profit corporation to be an event on August 23, 2025. There will be a modified NO WAKE zone in force from 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. for an extensive drone light show and a Venetian Night parade. Northbound traffic at Route 12 (Beer Can Bridge) will be closed between 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. 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>
6.2	<p>MOTION: Director Farrell made a motion to discuss and approve WRP: Dinghy Daze Fireworks event on August 31, 2025. Fox Lake will be NO WAKE from 8 p.m.-Midnight. Dinghy is requesting a fee waiver for the event. 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>

6.3	MOTION: Director Mitchell presented and briefly discussed the Dam, Snell and Taverine management letter.
6.4	MOTION: Director Mitchell also presented and briefly discussed the 2024 audit prepared by Dam, Snell and Taverine.
6.5	<p>MOTION: After executive session, at approximately 8:30, Director Hettermann made a motion to appoint Alan P. Kirk to the existing McHenry County director position for a term ending April 30, 2027 based on the fact that the position has more than 28 months remaining. 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 and Mr. Kirk was sworn into office.</p>
7.0	Directors Reports
7.1	<p>Executive Director:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explained likelihood of receiving additional funding from State. • Second \$1M State funding on Bauske property purchase has been received.
7.2	<p>Advisory Committee Reports & Recommendations</p> <p>Pat Smarto:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July 9th “boat tour” at Glacial Park; Rain gardens toured—property development impressive; MCCC explained its experience on grant preparation. • FWA intern created an Arc GIS Map; generally very helpful to Committee. • Next meeting September 5, 2025
7.3	<p>Field Superintendent Report.</p> <p>Rob Bowman, reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FWA dredge working to pump into Coopers. • Nippersink project – staff moving load out from Bauske marin/FWA property to Rustic Harbor. • South project moving along well. • Calls being received regarding wake boat conflicts with fishermen and kayak boaters.
8.0	<p>Directors and Chairman Reports-</p> <p><u>Chairman Blake:</u> None.</p> <p><u>Director Haling:</u> Duck blind drawing scheduled for this Saturday 7/26/25.</p> <p><u>Director Stochl:</u> None.</p> <p><u>Director Hettermann:</u> Referenced events over the last month; questioned special event buoy danger without lights.</p> <p><u>Director Mitchell:</u> None.</p> <p><u>Director Farrell:</u> None.</p>
<p>Public Comment:</p> <p><u>Jeff Ridell</u> – thanked the staff.</p> <p><u>Justin Shields</u> – Petite Lake Park, provided status to Board – planning start in Fall.</p>	

9.0 Executive Session

MOTION: At 7:55 p.m., Director Haling made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss potential litigation and personnel, appointment of director to McHenry County vacant position. 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.

9.0 MOTION: At 8:30 p.m. the Board returned to Open Session and to item 6.5 regarding Board appointment to vacant position. No members of the public were present except Mr. Alan P. Kirk. Afterwards the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Approved: 7/23/25, 2025


Director Haling, Secretary

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