



**Fox Waterway Agency**  
***Regular Meeting Minutes***  
July 24, 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, Dan Mitchell and Christian Farrell

**Absent:**

**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 June 26, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Hellyer. A roll call vote was taken.

**Aye:** Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Hellyer, 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 \$2,139,625.61 through 6/30/24.

**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, Hellyer, Mitchell and Farrell

**Absent:** None

**Nay:** None

The Motion carried.

**4.2 Approval of Bills**

Director Mitchell presented the monthly bills for payment and ratification of bills previously paid as follows: June bills prepaid total \$40,097.19; July bills prepaid total \$118,862.77; additional checks paid during the month total \$-0-; and bills remaining to be paid total \$110,526.93; for a total amount of bills paid and to be paid of \$269,486.89.

**MOTION:** Director Mitchell made a motion to ratify and pay all the outstanding bills including approval of debits and checks prepaid not to exceed \$269,486.89. The motion was seconded by Director Stochl. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent: None

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

**4.3 A/R Report**

Director Mitchell reported on the four accounts more than 30 days; no concern by Executive Director, none of which are 120 days overdue.

**5.0 Old Business**

**5.1 DCEO Pole Barn Update.**

Director Farrell informed the Board:

- Permits should be applied for within one week.

**5.2 Trinski Island Update**

Director Stochl informed the Board:

- Final field dates received;
- Fishing pier/boardwalk not needed.

**5.3 FWA's IMS 10 Dredge**

Director Haling initiated a discussion of possible rental arrangements of the FWA's IMS 10 Dredge.

- Proposed user looking at mechanical dredge versus pumping;
- Remove from agenda for now.

**6.0 New Business**

**6.1 MOTION:** Director Farrell made a motion to discuss and approve 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. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Director Farrell

Absent: None

Nay: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Hellyer, and Mitchell

The Motion carried.

**6.2 MOTION:** Director Haling made a motion to assist with Fishing Has No Boundaries (FHNB) event on September 7, 2024 and to waive One-Day Class J stickers, with two barges and operators. The motion was seconded by Director Mitchell. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent: None

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

**6.3 MOTION:** Director Mitchell made a motion to discuss and approve rescheduled DamYak Challenge WRP to August 17, 2024 due to flood conditions. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent: None

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

**6.4 MOTION:** Director Hellyer made a motion to discuss and approve a donation of \$300 for Fleet 17 Venetian Night Boat Parade on August 17, 2024. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent: None

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

**6.5 MOTION:** Director Mitchell made a motion to discuss and approve modification to No Wake Zone near Lakefront Park. The motion was tabled for further detail of proposed improvements by FWA. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent: None

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

**7.1 Executive Director:**

Joe Keller reported that:

- Thanked advisory for latest video – 26,000 views;
- August 31 (Saturday); Congressman Foster being given tour with others;
- Executive Director vacation in August.

**7.2 Advisory Committee Reports & Recommendations**

Pat Smarto, Chairman, reported:

- Toured Lakefront Park, nice venue;
- Video completed;
- Bioswale and rain garden video -- 4,200 hits;
- Board member video in future (?);
- Future topics:
  - Explain buoys;
  - Weed harvesting;
  - Responsible leaf disposal;
- FWA clean up:
  - Winner determined;
  - Posts needed;
- Lotus areas – boats speeding through;
- Recommends meeting on Zoom;
- Next meeting September 5.

**7.3 Field Superintendent Report.**

Rob Bowman, reported:

- Flood has impacted project performance, two job sites postponed few days; did not affect hydrologic dredge.

**8.0 Directors and Chairman Reports**

Director Haling – Obtained stakes from Rob to stake objects.

Director Hellyer – None.

Director Stochl – None.

Director Hettermann – Lots of positive activity in July.

Director Mitchell – None.

Director Farrell – None.

Chairman Blake – Thanked Advisory Board for review of Lakefront Park.

**Public Comment:**

Ron DeGorge – Spring Grove; thanked Board.

Pat Smarto (Advisory) – Concerned about DJ – Christmas in July; should have a WRP.

**9.0 MOTION:** Director Hellyer made a motion, at 8:00 p.m., to enter Executive Session to discuss Bauske property purchase. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call was taken.

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

Absent: None

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

At 8:40 p.m., the FWA Board returned to open session. Roll call was taken:

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

Absent: None

**MOTION:** Director Hellyer made a motion, seconded by Director Haling to authorize the purchase of the Bauske property for \$1,400,000 with a \$10,000 earnest money deposit and for the Executive Director, attorney and Chairman to sign all necessary purchase and closing documents and to bring this matter back to the next Board meeting for ratification. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent: None

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

**MOTION:** At 8:45 p.m., Director Hellyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Haling. Roll call was taken.

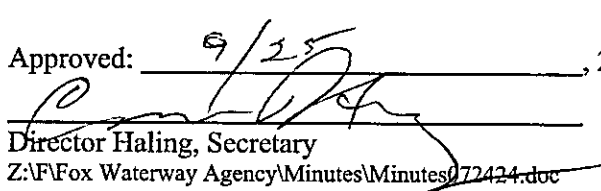
Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Hellyer, Mitchell and Farrell

Absent: None

Nay: None

The Motion carried

Approved: 9/25, 2024

  
Director Haling, Secretary

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