



Fox Waterway Agency

Regular Meeting Minutes

August 27, 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, Christian Farrell and Alan P. Kirk

Absent: None

FWA Also Present: Agency Attorney David W. McArdle, Executive Director Joe Keller, Field Superintendent Rob Bowman, Advisory Committee Chairwoman Pat Smarto

2.0 Pledge of Allegiance

3.0 Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Director Haling made a motion to approve the July 23, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Farrell. A roll call vote was taken.

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

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 \$1,292,082.94 through 7/31/25.

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, Farrell and Kirk

Absent: None

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

4.2	Approval of Bills <p>Director Mitchell presented the monthly bills for payment and ratification of bills previously paid as follows: July bills prepaid total \$82,927.28; August bills prepaid total \$102,375.20; additional checks paid during the month total \$-0-; and bills remaining to be paid total \$270,771.36; for a total amount of bills paid and to be paid of \$456,073.84.</p> <p>MOTION: Director Mitchell made a motion to ratify and pay all the outstanding bills including approval of debits and checks prepaid totaling \$456,073.84. The motion was seconded by Director Stochl. A roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Mitchell, Farrell and Kirk Absent: None Nay: None The Motion carried.</p>
4.3	A/R Report <p>Director Mitchell reported on the accounts receivables as \$6,573.15, \$150.00 of which is over 120 days past due.</p>
5.0	Old Business
5.1	DCEO Pole Barn Update. <p>Director Farrell shared photos of construction status at L-10 and Wall Street; completion estimated end of 2025; grant requires completion Spring 2026.</p>
5.2	Trinski Island Update. <p>Director Stochl informed the Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Island is in final stages of permitting; waiting for 401 Certification by the IEPA which is needed for IDNR and USACE approvals. Anticipated approvals by March 2026. 2. Bidding proposed by May 2026. 3. Contractor selection proposed by June 2026. 4. Commencement of work proposed for Fall after drawdown---November 2026
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Approved: 9/24/25, 2025

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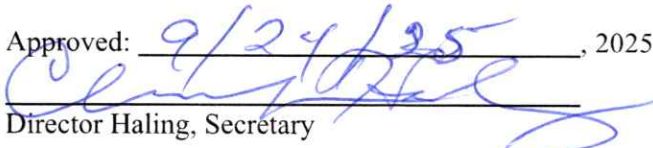
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