



Fox Waterway Agency

Regular Meeting Minutes

September 25, 2025

Recording Secretary: David W. McArdle

1.0 Call to Order & Roll Call 7:07 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 ratify and approve Nunc-pro-Tunc June 13, 2024 the June 12, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Stochl. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent: None

Abstain: Director Kirk

Nay: None

Director Haling made a second motion to approve the August 27, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Stochl. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Mitchell, Kirk 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 \$1,306,636.21 through 8/31/25.

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

Director Mitchell presented the monthly bills for payment and ratification of bills previously paid as follows: August bills prepaid total \$39,884.77; September bills prepaid total \$80,840.38; additional checks paid during the month total \$1,250.00; and bills remaining to be paid total \$241,851.36; for a total amount of bills paid and to be paid of \$363,826.51.

MOTION: Director Mitchell made a motion to ratify and pay all the outstanding bills including approval of debits and checks prepaid totaling \$363,826.51. 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.

4.3 A/R Report

Director Mitchell reported on the accounts receivables as \$10,775.00, \$-0- of which is over 120 days past due.

5.0 Old Business**5.1 DCEO Pole Barn Update.**

Director Farrell informed the Board that both L-10 and Wall Street building are making good progress and expected to be completed before Winter season.

5.2 Trinski Island Update.

Director Stochl informed the Board that Army Corps are scheduled this Friday to review the FWA responses to the public notice and other project considerations. The IDNR would like to see the public improvement suggestions on an actual plan.

6.0 New Business

6.1 MOTION: Director Haling made a motion to acknowledge field employees Ken Kaminsky, Steve Kaminsky and Mike Simmons for their assistance with Fishing Has No Boundaries event that was held on September 6, 2025. The motion was seconded by Director Farrell. After discussion, roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent: None

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

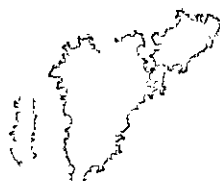
6.2 MOTION: Director Hettermann made a motion to acknowledge Advisory Committee Chair Pat Smarto for Top Neighbor Award of \$1,000 to the FWA. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. After discussion, roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent: None

Nay: None

The Motion carried.



6.3	MOTION: Director Kirk made a motion to approve the proposed 2026 Advisory Committee meeting schedule. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. After discussion, roll call vote was taken. Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Mitchell, Farrell and Kirk Absent: None Nay: None The Motion carried.
6.4	MOTION: Director Stochl made a motion to approve new Advisory Committee members: Karl Ohlwein, Chris Poteet and Kathryn Johnson. The motion was seconded by Director Mitchell. After discussion, roll call vote was taken. Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Mitchell, Farrell and Kirk Absent: None Nay: None The Motion carried.
6.5	MOTION: Director Haling made a motion to approve waiver of fees for 40 One-Day Class J stickers for the ICASSTT, LLC Fox Chain Tournament on October 12, 2025. The motion was seconded by Director Farrell. After discussion, roll call vote was taken. Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Mitchell, Farrell and Kirk Absent: None Nay: None The Motion carried.
6.6	MOTION: Director Farrell made a motion to approve Tyron Grading proposal for hydroseeding and fertilization of the newly installed berms and detention basins at Wall Street to meet Lake County permit requirements in the amount of not to exceed \$14,300. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. After discussion, roll call vote was taken. Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Mitchell, Farrell and Kirk Absent: None Nay: None The Motion carried.
6.7	MOTION: Director Mitchell made a motion to discuss and approve the letter of engagement with Ancel Glink P.C. The motion was seconded by Director Farrell. After discussion, roll call vote was taken. Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Mitchell, Farrell and Kirk Absent: None Nay: None The Motion carried.
7.0	Directors Reports
7.1	Executive Director: Thanked Deputy Lake County Sheriff personnel.

7.2 Advisory Committee Reports & Recommendations

Pat Smarto Chairwoman:

- Lake County Assessment acknowledged social media efforts.
- The Committee hopes to partner with Forest Preserve regarding future presentations and education.
- Working on website revisions.
- Water quality report – next meeting.
- Boathouse would like to meet to advance possibility of grants at their site.
- Next meeting November 16, 2025.

7.3 Field Superintendent Report.

Rob Bowman, reported:

- Recent flood created a mess downstream and diverted staff efforts for two weeks.
- Nippersink Creek and hydrologic projects finishing up.
- Bouy removal season approaching.

8.0 Directors and Chairman Reports-

Chairman Blake: Reported noise on river complaints. Noted that DNR is enforcing notice down river.

Director Haling: Water fowl list addressed.

Director Stochl: Mentioned concern for “River Rumble 2025”, not sanctioned event.

Director Hettermann: None.

Director Mitchell: None.

Director Farrell: Hurricane on the Chain – big success.

Director Kirk: None.

Public Comment:

Rob Bryson –

Deputy McCarty – discussed water level issues.

9.0 Executive Session

MOTION: At 8:10 p.m., Director Kirk made a motion to enter Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) to discuss imminent litigation matter. The motion was seconded by Director Stochl. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent: None

Nay: None

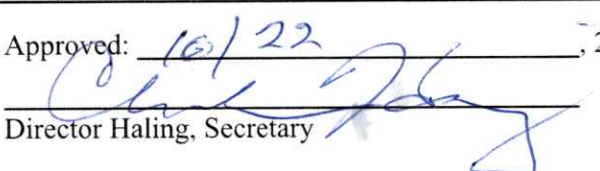
The Motion carried.

10.0 Return to Open Session/Adjourn: At 8:20 p.m. the meeting was called to order.

Present: Chairman Wayne Blake, Directors Chuck Haling, Christine Stochl, Jason Hettermann, Dan Mitchell, Christian Farrell and Alan P. Kirk.

No action was taken and Chairman Blake adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Approved: 10/22, 2025


Director Haling, Secretary