



Fox Waterway Agency
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 25, 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: None

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 August 26, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Farrell. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent: None

Abstain: Director Haling

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 \$2,077,118.53 through 8/31/24.

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: August bills prepaid total \$39,612.82; September bills prepaid total \$89,838.24; additional checks paid during the month total \$13,310.65; and bills remaining to be paid total \$124,833.91; for a total amount of bills paid and to be paid of \$267,595.62.

MOTION: Director Mitchell made a motion to ratify and pay all the outstanding bills including approval of debits and checks prepaid totaling \$267,595.62. 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.

4.3 A/R Report

Director Mitchell reported on the accounts receivable as \$14,918.41, of which \$130.76 is 120 days overdue.

5.0 Old Business

5.1 DCEO Pole Barn Update.

Director Farrell informed the Board that the Lake County Stormwater Management is currently inspecting the area in anticipation of issuing a “no-wetland permit”. Thereafter, building permit should issue.

5.2 Trinski Island Update

Director Stochl informed the Board that the Army Corps is still reviewing Agency submittals.

6.0 New Business

6.1 MOTION: Director Stochl made a motion to adopt the proposed Ordinance Fully Amending and Restating Chapter 2, Section 2.11, Advisory Committee, of the Fox Waterway Agency Code of Rules and Regulations. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. After discussion, a roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent: None

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

6.2 MOTION: Director Farrell made a motion to approve the Silt Fencing Midwest Inc. proposal to install silt fence at Wall Street Property in a sum not to exceed \$12,608.00. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. After discussion, 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 Hettermann discussed with the Board the need for a “Social Media Policy”. After discussion, the Board directed the Attorney to work with the advisory committee chairperson Pat Smarto to come up with a draft policy for the Board to consider.

<p>7.0 Directors Reports</p>
<p>7.1 Executive Director: Executive Director Joe Keller reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On commercial stickers; • On office work; • On donations to Agency; and • New employee who was hired to work behind the front desk.
<p>7.2 Advisory Committee Reports & Recommendations Pat Smarto, Chairperson reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new advisory member was confirmed by the Board; • On September 5th, grants were discussed –one of which was for the possible hiring of a watershed coordinator; • Discussed yard waste in lakes issue; • Asked for Board member volunteers for website presentations. • Discussed possible website revision; and • The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for November 11th.
<p>7.3 Field Superintendent Report. Rob Bowman, reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are three active projects – these will continue until waterway drawdown; • Buoys will start being removed beginning October 1st; • Staff participated in Fishing has No Boundaries; and • Chairman Blake suggested staff looking into the possible contracting out of buoy removal/installation to keep Agency employees working on projects of the Agency.
<p>8.0 Directors and Chairman Reports—</p> <p><u>Director Haling</u>: Reported on Fishing has no Boundaries; hunting blinds will soon be going out on system.</p> <p><u>Director Hellyer</u>: No report.</p> <p><u>Director Stochl</u>: Johnsborg has new development, with boat slips, coming in near bridge. Discussion on any limitation of boats on the system.</p> <p><u>Director Hettermann</u>: No report.</p> <p><u>Director Mitchell</u>: Village of Fox Lake asked for help regarding no wake at park; Agency helped with buoys – no report back; discussed silt issue along newly constructed park improvements.</p> <p><u>Director Farrell</u>: Reported on Hurricane on Chain – only ran event on Saturday due to weather– no incidents were reported, even though spectator number increased quite a bit from earlier years.</p> <p><u>Chairman Blake</u>: No report.</p>

Public Comment:

Eileen – Pistakee Bay home – 50 years.

George Wilkinson – Cannot access lake from channel.

Jeremy Lawson – Cary channel dredging issue questioned.

Rob Bryson – Advisory member – reported that waterway water color was green, requested analysis be done; blue green algae; bacterial possible issues.

9.0 MOTION: At 8:15 p.m., Director Hellyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Haling. Roll call was taken.

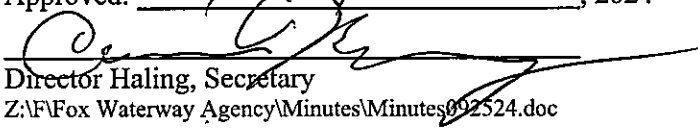
Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Hellyer, Mitchell and Farrell

Absent: None

Nay: None

The Motion carried

Approved: 10/23/24, 2024


Director Haling, Secretary

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