



# Fox Waterway Agency

## *Regular Meeting Minutes*

September 27, 2023

**Recording Secretary:** Brandy S. Quance

### 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

**Absent:** Director Bill Hellyer

**FWA Also Present:** Agency Attorney Brandy S. Quance, Executive Director Joe Keller, Field Superintendent Rob Bowman, Advisory Chairwoman Pat Smarto

### 2.0 Pledge of Allegiance

### 3.0 Approval of Minutes

**MOTION:** Director Haling made a motion to approve the August 23, 2023 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Mitchell. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent: Director Hellyer

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 \$1,917,946.86 through 8/31/23.

**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: Director Hellyer

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

<b>4.2</b>	<p><b>Approval of Bills</b></p> <p>Director Mitchell presented the monthly bills for payment and ratification of bills previously paid as follows: August bills prepaid total \$65,544.34; September bills prepaid total \$95,328.85; additional checks paid during the month total \$1,831.45; and bills remaining to be paid total \$91,167.88; for a total amount of bills paid and to be paid of \$253,872.52.</p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> Director Mitchell made a motion to ratify and pay all the outstanding bills including approval of debits and checks prepaid all totaling \$253,872.52. The motion was seconded by Director Stochl. A roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, Mitchell and Farrell</p> <p>Absent: Director Hellyer</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p>
<b>4.3</b>	<p><b>A/R Report</b></p> <p>Director Mitchell reported on the accounts receivable as \$13,573.50, of which \$656 is 30-60 days overdue.</p>
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Old Business</b>
<b>5.1</b>	<p><b>DCEO Grant Update.</b></p> <p>Director Farrell informed the Board that, same as last month, waiting on bids.</p>
<b>5.2</b>	<p><b>Wall Street and Soil Operation update.</b></p> <p>Director Haling informed the Board that \$116,000 and soil sales are very successful and could see it double next year.</p>
<b>5.3</b>	<p><b>Watershed Plan progress.</b></p> <p>Director Hettermann informed the Board that Watershed Plan on track. Stakeholder meeting held on 9/21.</p>
<b>5.4</b>	<p><b>Trinski Island Update.</b></p> <p>Director Stochl informed the Board that back and forth with Army Corp and responding to public comments with IDNR. Executive Director added that comments are not as negative as before. The IDNR would like a pier but no other trails.</p>
<b>6.0</b>	<b>New Business</b>
<b>6.1</b>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> Director Hettermann made a motion to approve Mike Missak as new FWA Advisory Committee member. 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: Director Hellyer</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>The Motion carried.</p>
<b>6.2</b>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> Director Haling made a motion to approve a financial contribution to Friends of Lake Catherine and Channel Lakes for Aeration System Installation. The motion was seconded by Director Mitchell. After discussion, the motion and second were withdrawn and the matter was tabled by agreement to the next meeting.</p>

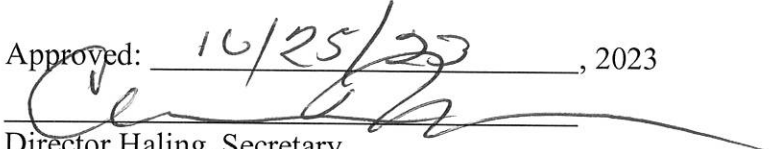
<b>6.3</b>	<b>MOTION:</b> The Chairman called the matter involving Kristen Wooden, dba The Boatyard of Antioch, to order and provided Ms. Wooden with an opportunity to respond to the suspension of her 2023 FWA Commercial Stickers. Kristen Wooden provided her response and Executive Director Keller, Deputy Mike McCarty, Sergeant Ari Briskman also provided information. All were given an opportunity to present their positions. The Directors agreed to uphold the suspension previously imposed through the end of the 2023 boating season.
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Directors Reports</b>
<b>7.1</b>	<b>Executive Director:</b> Executive Director Keller, reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elected officials and Congressman Schneider on boat tour;</li> <li>• Initiatives discussed for more funding, especially federal funding;</li> <li>• Stickers are important for accomplishing goals and safety.</li> </ul>
<b>7.2</b>	<b>Advisory Committee Reports &amp; Recommendations</b> Pat Smarto, Chairwoman, reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9/21 stakeholder meeting a lot of initiatives for individuals and actions they can take;</li> <li>• Have a longer list for volunteers;</li> <li>• 10/19 another session;</li> <li>• Educating removal of materials under Army Corps permit;</li> <li>• 11/7 Advisory Committee meeting;</li> <li>• Appreciate the appointment of Mike Missak.</li> </ul>
<b>7.3</b>	<b>Field Superintendent Report.</b> Rob Bowman, reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Great feedback on events;</li> <li>• Some push back because no wake for Bass Masters Tournament;</li> <li>• Gearing up for end of season/pulling buoys out first two weeks of October.</li> </ul>
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Directors Reports</b>
<b>8.1</b>	<u>Director Haling</u> – Fishing Has No Boundaries had a great turnout; blinds going in. <u>Director Hellyer</u> – None, absent. <u>Director Stochl</u> – Enjoyed the races and they went smoothly. <u>Director Hettermann</u> – None. <u>Director Mitchell</u> – Thanked friends in law enforcement. <u>Director Farrell</u> – None.
<b>8.2</b>	<b>Chairman</b> – None.

**Public Comments & Presentations:**

- Chris Shepherd – Lake Marie Boat Races this past weekend, law enforcement did a great job. FWA did a great job setting perimeter. Overwhelmed with number of people parked and watching. Approximately 200 boats parked.
- Tim Lozen – Thanked FWA and law enforcement.
- Dan Perkins, Pistakee Heights – Neighbors want to bring to FWA's attention since cut through went in, their channels filling up. What do they have to do to get cleaned up?
- Rob – Lake Vista Project brought to Board in 2015-2016 and it was very expensive.
- Ron Dejort, from 8<sup>th</sup> Street Channel – Thanked everyone for their hard work this year.

**Adjournment** – Director Haling made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Mitchell at 8:32 p.m.; all voted Aye.

Approved: 10/25/23, 2023

  
Director Haling, Secretary

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