

**February 1, 2024 Meeting Minutes**  
**Approved April 4, 2024**



**Advisory Committee**  
(appointed by Board of Directors)  
**Via Zoom Video Conference Call and In-Person**  
Fox Waterway Agency  
45 S Pistakee Lake Rd  
Fox Lake, IL 60020

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**1.0 Call to Order**

Chair Smarto

Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM

**2.0 Roll Call**

Secretary Basten

Present: Pat Smarto, Anne Basten, David Corrigan, Neil Moulis, Al Golbach, Greg Urban, Mike Missak, Neil Moulis, and Rob Rinkenberger.

Present via Zoom: Tom Fernstrom and Rob Bryson

Staff Present: Rob Bowman

Others Present: None

Absent: Police, Pam Althoff, John McGuire, and Jason Hettermann

Excused John Fischer, and Don Schnurr

**3.0 Review of Minutes and subsequent comment/corrections/approval**

The Draft minutes of November 2, 2023 were provided to the members in advance for review or approval

A motion was made to approve the minutes of November 2, 2023, as presented

Motion: Al Golbach

Second: Dave Corrigan

Motion carried

**4.0 Reports**

4.1 FWA Update - Rob Bowman reported that the 2024 schedule of meetings had been approved by the Board. The Commercial sticker ordinance had been updated with clarifications. David Corrigan had been appointed as the Advisory Committee Vice Chair and Greg Urban's appointment to the committee had also been approved.

Staff has been working on proactively getting the equipment ready for the season. The Board approved the professional repair of a larger piece of equipment. The Audit had been accepted. Bids for 2 buildings had come in above the grant amount and were in the process of being redefined and repriced.

The agency reported that \$160,000 of soil had been sold in 2023.

The board approved a permit for a high school fishing tournament and provided stickers for the tournament. A tentative budget for 2024 was posted on the website for review.

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Rob Bowman reported that the field crew was busy emptying a Cooper Farm cell of 170,000 sq. yd. of soil to move to Wall St for mixing and sale.

### 4.2 Regional (Upper/Lower/Lakes)

The Friends of Channel Lake & Lake Catherine were seeking permission for weed treatment.

Attendance at the Chicago Boat Show was down 40% but the Milwaukee Boat Show was well attended.

Al Golbach announced that the Coast Guard was holding a Zoom class the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of February.

## 5.0 Old Business

### 5.1 Watershed Project/Upcoming Meetings

The Executive Summary of the Chain O Lakes Watershed Report was shared with the Committee. The public presentation of the plan is scheduled for March 13, 2024 with an afternoon and an evening presentation.

### 5.2 Clean up

A month long (October) competition was discussed with possible prizes to be determined. It was suggested that an online event be scheduled on FaceBook. Maybe find local businesses that are willing to share dumpster space for the hauls throughout the month.

### 5.3 Data Collection on Lake/McHenry County Phosphorus Ordinances.

No additional progress has been made.

### 5.4 Welcome Dave Corrigan as new Vice Chair

This was handled at the beginning of the meeting.

## 6.0 New Business

### 6.1 Boat Show Planning – 2/29 to 3/3

Greg Urban had set up a Doodle document for signing up to work the booth in shifts. Pat Smarto was sending the link out to all board and committee members.

## 7.0 Member Comments

None

## 8.0 Public Comments - None

## 9.0 Adjournment – 8:30 p.m.

Motion: David Corrigan

Second: Rob Bryson

Motion carried