



# Fox Waterway Agency

## Minutes

June 24, 2015

**Recording Secretary: Danielle Hartig**

**1.0. Call to Order & Roll Call 7:00 p.m.**

Chairman Blake

**Present:** Directors Phil Bartmann, Chuck Haling, Bill Hellyer, Dan Mitchell, Michael Shields and Chairman Wayne Blake

**Absent:** James Meyer

**FWA Also Present:** Randy Sweet of the Advisory Committee

**2.0. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3.0. Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION:** Director Haling made a motion to approve the form of Minutes from the May 27, 2014 Board Meeting and Executive Session (not released), as well as the June 10, 2015 Special Meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Mitchell. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Directors Bartmann, Haling, Hellyer, Mitchell, and Shields

Nay: None

Absent: Meyer

The Motion carried.

**4.0. Treasurer's Report & Acceptance of Bills & Other Financials**

**4.1 Approval of Treasurer's Report**

Director Bartmann provided the Treasurer's Report. He stated there was \$309,829.99 on hand.

**MOTION:** Director Bartmann made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Directors Bartmann, Haling, Hellyer, Mitchell, and Shields

Nay: None

Absent: Meyer

The Motion carried.

#### 4.2 Approval of Bills

Director Bartmann explained the bills totaling \$99,759.23.

**MOTION:** Director Bartmann made a motion to approve the list of Bills. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken.

**Aye:** Directors Bartmann, Brookman, Haling, Meyer, Mitchell, and Shields

**Nay:** None

**Absent:**

The motion carried.

#### 6.0 New Business

##### 6.1

**MOTION:** Director Haling made a motion to ratify the chairman's execution of the Ernst & Young consulting agreement not to exceed \$20,000. The motion was seconded by Director Hellyer. A roll call vote was taken.

**Aye:** Directors Bartmann, Haling, Hellyer, Mitchell, and Shields

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** Meyer

The Motion carried.

##### 6.2

**MOTION:** Director Bartmann made a motion to authorize Field Superintendent to have spending authority up to \$5,000 without prior Board approval, subject to written notification to the Board for ratification at the next regular meeting following the expenditure. The motion was seconded for purposes of discussion by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken.

**Aye:** Director Hellyer

**Nay:** Directors Bartmann, Haling, Mitchell, Shields

**Absent:** Meyer

The Motion failed. Revisions will be made by Attorney McArdle according to the discussion the Board had and will be presented at the next meeting.

##### 6.3

**MOTION:** Director Mitchell and the board discussed the monthly lobbyist fee payable to Manning and Associates. Chairman Blake will call Manning to discuss possibilities. No action was taken.

**6.4**

**MOTION:** Director Hellyer made a motion approve the Prevailing Wage Rates ordinance for Lake and McHenry counties. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Directors Bartmann, Haling, Hellyer, Mitchell, and Shields  
Nay: None  
Absent: Meyer  
The Motion carried.

**6.5**

**MOTION:** Director Haling made a motion to approve a \$200 donation to Fishing Has No Boundaries for their annual fishing event. The motion was seconded by Director Hellyer. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Directors Bartmann, Haling, Hellyer, Mitchell, and Shields  
Nay: None  
Absent: Meyer  
The Motion carried.

**6.7**

**MOTION:** Director Shields made a motion to approve WRP: 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Cardboard Cup Regatta. This will take place on August 16<sup>th</sup>. The motion was seconded by Director Bartmann. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Directors Bartmann, Haling, Hellyer, Mitchell, and Shields  
Nay: None  
Absent: Meyer  
The Motion carried.

**6.8**

**MOTION:** Director Shields made a motion to approve WRP: Venetian Night Boat Parade. This will take place August 1<sup>st</sup> at Pistakee Lake. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Directors Bartmann, Haling, Hellyer, Mitchell, and Shields  
Nay: None  
Absent: Meyer  
The Motion carried.

## 7.0 Advisory Committee Report and Recommendations

Randy Sweet advised the board:

- An Advisory Committee member Wayne Bueller passed away. His services are expected to be held July 11<sup>th</sup>.
- The Committee has been working on figuring out the requirements for the new FWA website.
- The Annual Boat Tour is set to take place on July 14<sup>th</sup> at the Port of Blarney. Dinner will begin at 5 p.m. and a presentation by Dave Lester will be held from 6-7 p.m.

## 8.0 Reports

### 8.1 Field Superintendent Rob Rinkenberger

- The bad weather mostly bypassed the system, debris cleanup is almost done
- FWA has been dredging at the Golf Course – been there for 14 days but have only been able to work 3 – pulled out 588 yards so far, about 3,300 needs to be pulled out in total
- They have been investigating dredging at Lake Court. If they get the dredge fixed, they could possibly do Lake Court and the Golf Course simultaneously
- FWA hosted a tour of the system for the VFW; event went really well
- He has been meeting with various Villages & EMS/Safety crews regarding the 4<sup>th</sup>. Everything seems to be in place and ready to go.

## 9.0 Board Comments

### 9.1 Directors

- **Bartmann:** Provided a summary report on the work Ernst & Young has done so far. Things seem to be in good standing and there is a good possibility the FWA will be able to secure lost FEMA monies. He also gave the Board a worksheet outlining possible sticker fee increases to start thinking about/considering. Last sticker fee increase was in 2010.
- **Haling:** Thanked Rob for all his hard work & mentioned that he wants the Board/FWA to do everything they can to hold off on raising sticker fees

## 10.0 Public Comments and presentations

- **Tom Koke (Long Drive/Antioch Golf Course):** Thanked the FWA for their hard work in dredging the Golf Course. Thanked Rob for the great communication he has been providing them with. Wondered what the status of the project was with Lake County.
- **Jim Cistaro (Jackon Drive):** Mentioned he was surprised that we don't require Manning (our lobbyist) to get a report on what he is doing and where the money we pay him is going. Also mentioned his distaste over the possibility of raising sticker fees.

## 11.0 Executive Session


There was no motion for an Executive Session.

## 12.0 Adjournment

**MOTION** Director Bartmann made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A voice vote was taken. The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Approved: 7/22, 2015

  
Chuck Haling, Secretary