



Fox Waterway Agency

Minutes

July 22, 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, James Meyer, Dan Mitchell, Michael Shields and Chairman Wayne Blake

FWA Also Present: Agency Attorney David McArdle, Randy Sweet of the Advisory Committee, Executive Director Joe Keller

2.0. Pledge of Allegiance

2.1 Hiring of new Executive Director

MOTION: Director Hellyer made a motion to hire Joe Keller as the new Executive Director of the Fox Waterway Agency. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. Joe was introduced to the public by Chairman Blake; Mr. Keller thanked the Board, introduced his family and is looking forward to the position of Executive Director.

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

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

3.0. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Director Haling made a motion to approve the Minutes from the June 24, 2015 regular and Executive session meetings (not for release). The motion was seconded by Director Bartmann.

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

Abstain: Meyer (absent at the 6/24 meeting)

The Motion carried.

Director Haling made a motion to approve the Minutes from June 25, 2015 Special Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Bartmann. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None

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 \$497,983.83 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, Meyer, Mitchell, and Shields

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

4.2 Approval of Bills

Director Bartmann explained the bills totaling \$69,719.55.

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, Haling, Hellyer, Meyer, Mitchell, and Shields

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

5.0 Old Business

5.1 Discussion of FWA building rehabilitation

Director Shields discussed the status of the building rehabilitation. Director Shields and Director Bartmann will work together with Rob & Joe on the building repair process.

5.2 Update on amphibious backhoe engine rebuild and Barracuda hydraulic dredge

Field Superintendent Rob Rinkenberger updated the Board: the motor is in the backhoe, could be operational by Friday, 7/24. The Barracuda is approximately 3-4 weeks out before it will be operational.

5.3

MOTION: Director Mitchell made a motion to discuss, in executive session at the end of the meeting, the previously adopted Resolution regarding Health Insurance cost to employees. The motion was seconded by Director Meyer. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

6.0 New Business

6.1

MOTION: Director Shields made a motion to approve WRP: Blarney Island Hot Boat and Race Show and approval to waive one day sticker fees. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A brief discussion took place. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Directors Haling, Shields

Nay: Bartmann, Hellyer, Meyer, Mitchell

The Motion failed.

6.2

MOTION: Director Haling made a motion to approve waiver of one day sticker fees for Walleyes Unlimited USA for their annual "Take a Vet Fishing" outing on September 26, 2015. The motion was seconded by Director Bartmann. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

7.0 Advisory Committee Report and Recommendations

Randy Sweet advised the Board that the Boat Tour presentation went well. The website requirements will be presented to the Board at the next meeting. The Committee will begin to discuss sticker prices. The next meeting is September 3, 2015.

8.0 Reports

8.1 Field Superintendent

Field Superintendent Rob Rinkenberger informed the Board:

- Antioch dredging continues – almost complete (roughly 300 feet left, approx.. 1 ½ - 2 weeks left)
- Duck link meeting letters will go out soon (will be held the 2nd or 3rd week of August)
- FWA did a joint project with the Village of Fox Lake. There was storm runoff near Mineola Bay that was removed (about 600 yards). Village took the material and used their trucks, installed significant measures to prevent this in the future.
- FWA will not be dredging this Friday; instead, debris cleanup will take place.

9.0 Board Comments

9.1 Directors

- Haling: Wondered the date of the Duck Line meeting (unknown, verifying meeting space). Mentioned that the Duck Line Drawing was this weekend at 2 p.m.
- Bartmann: Worked with Joe Keller on Monday and commented that he is a fast learner and believes the FWA made a good decision.
- Mitchell: There was a miscommunication about the no wake zones – it went a little higher than the agreed upon measure.

9.2 Chairman

- Thrilled to have Joe Keller in the position and excited to see where the FWA goes next under his leadership.

10.0 Public Comments and presentations

- Ron Cowley (McHenry): Wondered if there was any update on Trinsky Island/Nippersink Channel (town hall meeting is next step)
- Carl F. & Mike Keltcher (Bay View Dr., Crystal Lake): Whipperwill Channel needs dredging (this is a private channel by law and the FWA cannot travel it, let alone dredge it)
- Roy Gundelach: Squaw Creek/his channel needs dredging. Also noted that the Blarney Boat Show would host boats that would never be seen on the channel.
- Dennis Oleo (McHenry): Noted no-wake issues – his seawall broke a few weeks ago due to high waters, and after last weekend, he had high waves coming into his lawn, ruining it even more.
- Jim Cistaro (Jackson Dr., Spring Grove): Noted that the police presence is minimal during the week. Wondered if the FWA could install a staff gauge on the bridge at 173.
- Chris Stochl (Fox Lake): Noted that she was on the system today and even though it was no wake, people are driving really fast. Wondered if there was additional signage the FWA could install.

11.0 Executive Session

MOTION: Director Bartmann made a motion for an Executive Session pursuant to personnel. The motion was seconded by Director Meyer. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None

The Motion carried. End open session at 8:14 p.m.

MOTION: Director Hellyer made a motion to return to open session. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None

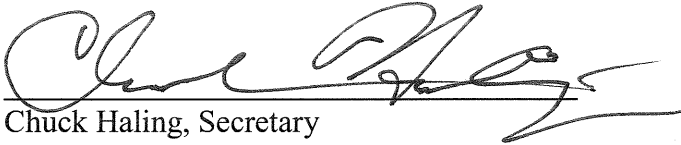
The Motion carried. Return to open session at 9:13 p.m. No further action was taken in open session.

12.0 Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Approved: 2/20, 2015


Chuck Haling, Secretary