



Fox Waterway Agency

Minutes

January 27, 2016

Recording Secretary: Danielle Hartig

1.0. Call to Order & Roll Call 7:05 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

3.0. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Director Haling made a motion to approve the Minutes from the December 16, 2015 meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Mitchell. 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 \$4,485.15 on hand. YTD sticker sales totaled \$1,564,460.00. Directors discussed their preference to include Accounts Payable and Accounts Receivables on future Treasurer Reports.

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 \$76,228.76. These are for checks received in January.

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

Director Meyer discussed the need to provide a weekly update regarding old projects or old business that is outstanding so the Board is aware. Various Board Members discussed their views on the timeline of such an update. The consensus was Executive Director Joe Keller would begin sending a weekly update.

6.0 New Business

6.1

MOTION: After a brief synopsis presented by Nancy Schumm of Schumm Consulting, Director Bartmann made a motion to approve the Lake County reimbursable \$9,200 from Schumm Consulting LLC for Scope of Services for Pistakee Lake Watershed Partnership. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: Meyer

The Motion carried.

6.2

MOTION: Director Bartmann made a motion to ~~approve the tentative budget figures and~~ commence a 30 day public comment period beginning January 28, 2016 for the 2016 Permanent Budget in compliance with the Illinois Municipal Budget Act. The public hearing on the proposed budget will be at a later date after notice is published in the newspaper, no earlier than 30 days from the 28th. 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.

7.0 Reports

7.1 Advisory Committee Report and Recommendations

Randy Sweet advised the Board that the Boat Show will be March 3-6, 2016. They need volunteers to help setup/transport materials to the location and to work on Friday and Saturday.

The next meeting is Thursday, February 4th, 2016.

8.0 Field Superintendent Rob Rinkenberger

On behalf of Rob Rinkenberger, Joe discussed:

- Maintenance projects have begun on the equipment/fleet
- Crew has begun emptying Cell 2 at Cooper's Farm
- They are waiting on waivers to finalize the 2016 dredging projects
- Main dredging projects at this point are considered "cleanup projects" – including Jackson, Venetian Gardens, and Oak Street
- FWA is still looking for truck replacements; hoping to obtain access to the government equipment assistance website soon

8.1 Executive Director

Executive Director Keller informed the Board:

- Various plans were discussed in regards to rebuilding the FWA Headquarters. FWA submitted an ambitious plan to IEMA in hopes of leniency.
- He is still working to procure the \$167,000 in FEMA money.
- Rena Rd. is no longer accessible; they are pursuing other properties close to the waterway. He has a meeting on February 15th with landowners to discuss a possible deal.
- Beginning February 1, 2016, the FWA staff will begin paying more into their health insurance based on a previously passed resolution.
- He has a meeting scheduled with the Army Corps on February 8th to discuss Trinski Island
- FWA Crew has begun cleaning out cell 2 at Cooper's Farm. They hope to remove most of this material to have space to dump other dredging projects.

9.0 Board Comments

9.1 Directors

- **Haling:** Wondered if Schumm Consulting could assist the FWA with other grant applications as a way to secure more funding
- **Bartmann:** Corrected his earlier statement, saying that the bill pay that the Board approved earlier in the meeting was for bills received through January.
- **Mitchell:** Noted that the FWA does not regulate any activities on the lakes in the winter season, but noticed a gentlemen had pulled out 8 snowmobilers in one day that went through the ice. He also noted he has possible land in Lake County.
- **Meyer:** Explained that he voted Nay on the Watershed Project because he believes the FWA has too many balls in the air. Wondered if FWA could charge a management fee on grants.

9.2 Chairman

- Asked Joe what the status was of the presentations for dredging projects in Lake County; asked Joe to get going and make sure that they are ready for February.
- Noted the need to have an “Old Business” section on the Agenda
- Encouraged a weekly update from the Executive Director

10.0 Public Comments and presentations

- **Jim Cistaro (Spring Grove, IL):** Wondered if there would be any further restrictions imposed if the Watershed study is done.
- **Chris Stochl (Fox Lake, IL):** Was surprised to see that the Board Members seemginly did not know much about the Watershed plan, even though they were expected to vote on it. Questioned the existence/frequency of communication between Board Members/Staff of the FWA.

11.0 Executive Session

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

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

Absent:

The Motion carried.

MOTION: Motion made to return to open session by Director Bartmann and seconded by Director Haling

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

Nay: None

The motion carried. Return to open session at 9:24 p.m.

MOTION: Director Mitchell made a motion increase the Executive Director's salary to \$95,000/year, with contributions to his IMRF equal to other employees and payment of his medical insurance premium, with his compensation package to be reviewed again upon Mr. Keller's one year anniversary in July 2016. The motion was seconded by Director Hellyer. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent:

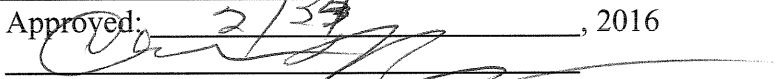
The Motion carried.

12.0 Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

Approved: 2/34, 2016


Chuck Haling, Secretary