



Fox Waterway Agency

Minutes

February 24, 2016

Recording Secretary: Danielle Hartig

1.0. Call to Order & Roll Call 7:02 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 proposed minutes from the January 27, 2016 meeting, subject to a small change in Section 6.2 suggested by Director Meyer. 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 \$93,009.84 on hand. January sticker sales totaled \$110,045.00.

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 \$40,747.84. The current outstanding loan balance is \$70,000.

MOTION: Director Bartmann made a motion to pay all of the 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

Director Meyer discussed the Army Corps of Engineers, 10 year permit, and Trinski's Island project status. The FWA had a one year extension, but they are applying for a ten year extension.

5.2

Director Bartmann discussed FEMA, PW 611, and operation headquarters renovation status. Executive Director Keller noted that a reparation proposal was sent to IEMA, and they are sending a mitigation proposal. FEMA is processing a check for \$125,000 for work the FWA already completed.

6.0 New Business

6.1

Director Mitchell introduced Ron Michalek, NIOC, who explained the event they would like to host on Grass Lake. This would be a "Shootout/Radar Run" event in which 23 foot boats will run a one mile stretch, trying to go as fast as they can. This event would take place on August 6, 2016. After his presentation, various board members asked questions, and will take the next month to make a decision.

6.2

Director Haling introduced Biologist Tom Slawski from the Southeastern Wisconsin Fox River Commission. Tim gave an update on the status of expansion into the southern Wisconsin areas and discussed possible collaboration opportunities. They are hosting a Fox River Summit on Friday, March 18th from 7:30-4:30. Executive Director Keller will be speaking at the event. Jeff Slang, the Township Supervisor of Burlington, WI, also discussed the diversion of Lake Michigan Water in Waukesha.

6.3

MOTION: Director Hellyer led a discussion on the Fox Waterway Agency Safety Policy. He noted that the FWA enabling legislation does not allow the FWA to be involved/regulate safety. Director Hellyer made a motion to adopt the presented information as policy. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. After discussion, Director Hellyer and Director Haling withdrew their motions and second.

7.0 Advisory Committee Report and Recommendations

Randy Sweet advised the Board of the needed time slots for the Boat Show.
The next meeting is April 7, 2016.

8.0 Reports

8.1 Executive Director

Executive Director Keller informed the Board:

- Thanked the Board for extending his position
- He is in negotiations over land for a potential processing site. He is also working with the state on a possible property swap.
- FWA finally got login access to the CMS Equipment Program
- The FWA participated as delegates in the McHenry County Conservation District Conference. They signed a declaration to bring resources to the watershed.

8.2 Field Superintendent

Field Superintendent Rob Rinkenberger informed the Board:

- Greater Pistakee Lake Watershed will host a meeting on March 16 from 7-9 pm.
- There is a lot of maintenance going on at the FWA – they have completed a boat rebuild and a work truck will need a new transmission
- There will be a meeting with Lake County on March 3 to work out the requirements of the County ordinance. A dredging schedule should be finalized after this meeting.

9.0 Board Comments

9.1 Directors

- **Meyer:** Hopeful that during the watershed meeting, the FWA can convey the important projects that they are working on to garner some funding.

10.0 Public Comments and presentations

- **Judy Egert (Venetian Gardens):** Was wondering what the status was on the project (the FWA is working with the Algonquin township on sediment control so the project can continue)
- **Milan Mortimer (Venetian Gardens):** Mentioned that the silt is deep on the already-dredged area on the riverfront (this will be handled with the FWA gets their equipment into the area)

11.0 Executive Session

MOTION: Director Bartmann made a motion for an Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue. 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.

12.0 Adjournment

MOTION After returning to open session at 8:52, Director Bartmann announced that there was no action to be taken in open session and he 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 9:02 p.m.

Approved: 3/33, 2016



Chuck Haling, Secretary