



Fox Waterway Agency

Minutes

March 23, 2016

Recording Secretary: Danielle Hartig

1.0. Call to Order & Roll Call 7:02 p.m.

Chairman Blake

Present: Directors Phil Bartmann, Chuck Haling, James Meyer, Dan Mitchell, Michael Shields and Chairman Wayne Blake

Absent: Director Bill Hellyer

FWA Also Present: Agency Attorney David McArdle, Ken Fruh 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 February 24, 2016 Regular & Executive session meetings. The motion was seconded by Director Bartmann. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent: Hellyer

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 \$224,049.02 on hand. February sticker sales total \$248,950, and year to date sales total \$358,990.

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, Meyer, Mitchell, and Shields

Absent: Hellyer

The Motion carried.

4.2 Approval of Bills

Director Bartmann explained the bills totaling \$74,206.77.

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

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

Absent: Hellyer

The Motion carried.

5.0 Old Business

5.1

DISCUSSION: Director Meyer mentioned that the 10 year dredging permit was submitted; they hope to receive an answer on the permit application by June 1, 2016.

5.2

DISCUSSION: Director Bartmann discussed the status of the FWA headquarters. He noted that the FWA is in frequent discussions with IEMA. They recently requested CAD drawings which the engineer agreed to provide at no cost to the Agency.

5.3

DISCUSSION: Director Mitchell introduced Ron Michalek from the National Illinois Offshore Club who discussed the "Shootout" Event they would like to host on Grass Lake on August 6, 2016 from 11am-3pm.

MOTION: After a detailed discussion, a motion was made by Director Bartmann to tentatively approve the WRP for the NIOC conditioned upon the Fox Waterway Agency being added as a "Additional Insured" party on the NIOC COI and pending an agreeable logistics plan approved by the Lake County Directors to allow navigation around the course. Director Mitchell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Directors Bartmann, Haling, Mitchell, and Shields

Nay: Meyer

Absent: Hellyer

The Motion carried.

6.0 New Business

6.1

MOTION: Director Haling made a motion to approve a one-day reduced boat sticker for the Take a Vet Fishing event. The motion was seconded by Director Bartmann. The event will be held on May 15, 2016 at the Thirsty Turtle. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent: Hellyer

The Motion carried.

6.2

MOTION: Director Mitchell made a motion to approve a reduce one-day boat sticker for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society "Fishing for a Cure" event. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. The event will take place on June 7, 2016 at the Thirsty Turtle. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent: Hellyer

The Motion carried.

6.3

MOTION: Director Bartmann made a motion to approve a donation to the Fox River Grove Fireworks for July 9, 2016 in the amount of \$250. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent: Hellyer

The Motion carried.

6.4

MOTION: Director Shields made a motion to approve the WRP for Blarney Island Boat Races. The motion was seconded by Director Mitchell. The races are held on Thursdays at 6pm from June 2 through September 1. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent: Hellyer

The Motion carried.

6.5

MOTION: Director Bartmann made a motion to approve the Fox Waterway Agency Safety Policy Statement. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent: Hellyer

The Motion carried.

6.6

MOTION: Director Meyer made a motion to approve the funds not to exceed \$10,000 for additional engineering for Trinski's Island from Berrini & Associates, LLC. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent: Hellyer

The Motion carried.

7.0 Advisory Committee Report and Recommendations

In place of Randy Sweet, Ken Fruh advised the Board that the Advisory Committee will hold meetings on April 7th & May 5th and the Spring Cleanup Event will be held on May 7th, 2016. The Boat Show went well and there was a wealth of informative information given.

8.0 Reports

8.1 Executive Director

Executive Director Keller informed the Board:

- The FWA received a \$125,000 check from FEMA
- The Agency is working towards an agreement with Lake County on a possible staging and processing site
- They are identifying possible drying sites
- A great deal of work has been done on the equipment and securing equipment currently owned by the State

8.2 Field Superintendent

In the absence of Rob Rinkenberger, Executive Director Keller informed the Board:

- FWA Crews will attend the Spring Cleanup
- They have begun beaver dam cleanup
- The crew has started at Cooper's Farm
- Rental piers are in the process of being rebuilt
- The Agency has begun to repair and replace equipment

9.0 Board Comments

9.1 Directors

- **Haling:** Mentioned that the “Take a Vet Fishing” event was at the Thirsty Turtle, not the VFW. Pointed out the work being done at 45 and Rollins Road and suggested they may need soil to level out the area.
- **Mitchell:** Mentioned that the Boat Show went well and there were minimal concerns about the sticker fee increase.

9.2 Chairman

- Had a discussion with Judy Martini who is running for the open position on the Grant Township Board. It was pointed out that there is a federal fee charged on every tire sold (\$2.50 fee), which goes to the IDNR. They are looking into ways to possibly garner money from this fee.

10.0 Public Comments and presentations

- There were no public comments

11.0 Executive Session

MOTION: Director Bartmann made a motion for an Executive Session to discuss schedule to destroy executive session tapes pursuant to the Open Meetings Act regulations and approval and release of meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent: Hellyer

The Motion carried.

A roll call vote was taken upon returning to open session.

Present: Directors Phil Bartmann, Chuck Haling, James Meyer, Dan Mitchell, Michael Shields and Chairman Wayne Blake

Absent: Director Bill Hellyer

FWA Also Present: Agency Attorney David McArdle, Executive Director Joe Keller

11.1

MOTION: Director Bartmann made a motion to adopt the proposed resolution as presented, which would authorize the destruction of Executive Session tapes from 2013 through January 23, 2014, and approval and release of all minutes with the exception of January 27, 2016. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent: Hellyer

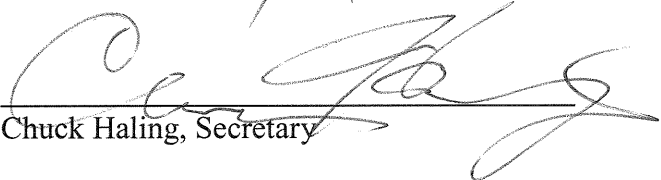
The Motion carried.

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 8:42 p.m.

Approved: 4/27, 2016



Chuck Haling, Secretary