



Fox Waterway Agency

Minutes

August 24, 2016

Recording Secretary: Danielle Hartig

1.0. Call to Order & Roll Call 7:01 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, Dennis Leo 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 July 27, 2016 Regular and Executive Session meetings. The motion was seconded by Director Hellyer. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Directors Bartmann, Haling, Hellyer, Meyer, Mitchell and Shields
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 \$888,600.29 on hand. July sticker sales totaled \$264,337.00; Year-to-date sticker sales totaled \$1,822,545.00. The A/R stands at: Keslin Landscaping (\$1,760).

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
The Motion carried.

4.2 Approval of Bills

Director Bartmann presented the bills totaling \$65,691.32.

MOTION: Director Bartmann made a motion to approve payment of the bills totaling \$65,691.32. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Directors Bartmann, Haling, Hellyer, Meyer, Mitchell and Shields
The Motion carried.

5.0 Old Business

5.1

DISCUSSION: Director Meyer discussed the Army Corp of Engineers & the 10 year permit. They are waiting on documentation from IDNR for the ECO-CAT surveys. They are finalizing the letter to send to IEMA. Regarding the Trinsky Island project, the FWA submitted a letter to the Army Corps of Engineers in early August. They haven't received any feedback yet, but plan to schedule a public informational meeting after a response is received.

5.2

DISCUSSION: Director Bartmann discussed FEMA, PW 611, and Headquarter operation renovation status. The FWA expects that FEMA/IEMA will approve some of the funds (tentatively \$100-115k). The cost to repair the building to normal operating capacity is ballparked to cost around \$300,000. The Agency will begin preparing a bid package to release once a response is received from FEMA.

6.0 New Business

6.1

MOTION: Director Meyer made a motion to discuss current projects and the possibility of future committee meetings. The motion was seconded by Director Mitchell. Director Meyer stressed his support for creating a Committee that would work on setting the criteria for project priority and direction of future dredging projects. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that the Board will hold a special meeting 1 hour prior to next month's meeting – September 28, 2016 at 6 p.m. By agreement, no roll call vote was taken on the pending motion.

6.2

MOTION: Director Bartmann made a motion to approve the WRP for Fish & Weed Sailing Regatta. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Directors Hellyer, Shields, Mitchell, Meyer, Haling, Bartmann
The Motion carried.

6.3

MOTION: Director Hellyer led a discussion regarding the status of the Spring Grove Office lease. Current options include: 1) Trying to enter into a month-to-month lease; 2) Work with the landlord to try and lower the winter month's rent. Executive Director Keller has contacted the landlord to begin these discussions.

6.4

MOTION: Director Haling made a motion to approve the Dredging Release & Hold Harmless agreement form, subject to Attorney McArdle further clarifying/specifying issues raised by board members. The motion was seconded by Director Bartmann. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Directors Bartmann, Haling, Hellyer, Meyer, Mitchell, and Shields
The Motion carried.

7.0 Advisory Committee Report and Recommendations

Dennis Leo advised the Board that the Committee will meet next in September.

8.0 Reports

8.1 Executive Director

Executive Director Keller informed the Board:

- The Agency has sold 724 more stickers than this time last year (21,474 stickers total)
- FWA has successfully received a commitment that would allow them to use \$76k of the funds towards repairing the inside of the Agency's Headquarters
- Chairman Blake & Executive Director Keller attended Venetian Night with the Dold Team; it went very well and had a great turnout
- The NOIC Shootout Event went well and was very safe; they will be making improvements for next year's event

8.2 Field Superintendent

Acting Field Superintendent Rob Bowman informed the Board:

- Oak Channel dredging has been completed – 27k cubic yards total were removed
- Currently working on L10
- Jackson/Andrew Ct. is completed –15k cubic yards were removed
- They will be starting at Port Barrington and then moving to Venetian Gardens
- There is approximately 1 week left to finish Fox Lake Road Park
- The new trucks are expected to arrive the second week of September –they are in need of drivers
- The telescreen is in need of repair
- Coopers Farm: the empty cell at Coopers will be full by the end of the season. 50-60k cubic yards needs to be removed to open space for 2017 dredging materials. The big cell cannot be fixed until the material is moved. They are in desperate need of land.

9.0 Board Comments

9.1 Directors

- **Bartmann:** The dump truck rent-to-own payment will be higher than expected (originally \$5,432/month but will come in around \$5,535.04/month)
- **Hellyer:** Noted that Venetian Night and the Founder's Day Firework events went well

9.1 Chairman Blake

- Mentioned Venetian Night was a great time and thanked Gordy's for allowing them to use their pontoon boat.

10.0 Public Comments and presentations

- **Debra Jones (37269 N. Lake Vista):** Wondered why her channel wouldn't be dredged before moving to Port Barrington. Their channel mouth is closed and unusable.
- **John Andersen (N. Patricia Lane):** Questioned why he sees equipment sitting idle at Nippersink, echoed the same sentiments regarding the channel being inaccessible. Wondered how the public can help the FWA.
- **Kris Stochl (Fox Lake):** Asked if the FWA had hired summer help (2 temporary employees have been hired)
- **Brad Wingston (37360 N. Frank Ct):** Wondered if the FWA would sponsor a sports fishing tournament and proposed other ways to garner money
- **Ron McAtee (Ingleside):** Suggested solutions to John Andersen to clear out the channel. Thanked the Board for giving permits for the Veteran's Benefit event.
- **Val Gordon (37633 Frank Ct):** Offered his land as a place to hold dredging materials when the FWA dredges their channel

11.0 Executive Session

MOTION: Director Bartmann made a motion enter into Executive Session pursuant to litigation, personnel, and land acquisition. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken.

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

The Motion carried at 8:30 p.m.

11.1 Open Session

Upon entering into Open Session at 9:21 pm, a roll call vote was taken.

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

12.0 Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Approved:  9/28, 2016

Chuck Haling, Secretary