



Fox Waterway Agency
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 25, 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, Randy Sweet of the Advisory Committee, Executive Director Joe Keller, Acting Field Superintendent Rob Bowman

2.0. Pledge of Allegiance

3.0. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Director Haling made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 21, 2016 regular and committee of the whole meetings, and the January 18, 2017 committee of the whole meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Hellyer. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Abstain: Haling

The Motion carried.

4.0. Treasurer's Report & Acceptance of Bills & Other Financials

4.1 Approval of Treasurer's Report

Director Meyer provided the treasurer's report. He stated there was \$389,093.38 on hand. December sticker sales totaled \$5.00; Year-to-date sticker sales totaled \$1,991,070.

MOTION: Director Meyer made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Director Mitchell. A roll call vote was taken.

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

The Motion carried.

4.2 Approval of Bills

Director Meyer explained the bills totaling \$55,346.47.

MOTION: Director Meyer made a motion to approve payment of the Bills. The motion was seconded by Director Halig. 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 Shields mentioned that the Agency still hasn't heard back on the approval status of the 10-year permit. The FWA will send members to Springfield next month to again meet with the Army Corps of Engineers.

5.2

DISCUSSION: Director Bartmann discussed FEMA, PW 611, and the headquarter operation renovation status. Flooring and structural repair bids were sent out last week and they expect to receive bids back by next Friday.

6.0 New Business

6.1

MOTION: Director Mitchell made a motion to approve proceeding to the public comment period for the 2017 Permanent Budget in compliance with the Illinois Municipal Budget Act. 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.

6.2

MOTION: Director Hellyer made a motion to adopt an ordinance amending the FWA handbook for January 2017, including, but not limited to, employees paydays (biweekly versus weekly), overtime allocations (40 hours vs. 8 hour days), and employee benefits. The motion was seconded by Director Bartmann. The Board came to a consensus of maintaining weekly payroll, but decided to further discuss overtime allocations and the motion and second were withdrawn. A roll call vote was taken.

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

6.3

MOTION: Director Meyer led a discussion to change banking institutions. He then made a motion to adopt an Ordinance to authorize the following institutions as depositories: PNC, State Bank of The Lakes, Illinois National Bank, and Illinois Funds Investment, as well as authorizing the signatures for the Treasurer, James Meyer, Chairman, Wayne Blake, Executive Director, Joe Keller, and Accountant, Colleen Scroggins. The motion was seconded by Director Bartmann.

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

7.0 Advisory Committee Report and Recommendations

Randy Sweet advised the Board that the Boat Show is scheduled for March 2-5th and the Committee will need volunteers. The next meeting is February 2 at the Fox Lake Library. The Committee is working on gathering numbers for out-of-state boating stickers.

8.0 Reports

8.1 Executive Director

Executive Director Keller informed the Board:

- It's been a long time coming to get the Agency back under one roof. For the first time since the flood in 2013, the Agency is back together working at one place, and the bidding process is finally beginning for building repairs. He is very hopeful for what is to come in the next few months.

8.2 Field Superintendent

Acting Field Superintendent Rob Bowman informed the Board:

- They are finishing work at Haling's Landing
- They have started to stack material and repair the haul road at Cooper's Farm
- They are dumping material at Fischer's
- He supplied a spreadsheet to the Board that details the active dredging application packets and the proposed 2017 dredging schedule

9.0 Board Comments

9.1 Directors

- **Mitchell:** Commented on the great weather last weekend and the boaters that were using the system
- **Meyer:** Warned people to be careful on the ice. The Northern Illinois Conservation Club is hosting an ice fishing derby February 11-12th at the Thirsty Turtle. He encouraged people to come out and support the club.

10.0 Public Comments and presentations

Andy Cappelano (Fox Lake Vista): Discussed the need for his channel to be dredged; he cannot get his boat in the system at all.

Arnie Ommundson (Fox Lake Vista): Also discussed his petition 12 years ago to have the channel dredged.

Jim Cistaro (Grass Lake Rd.): Questioned if the Agency had calculated the cost difference historically of a 40 hour work-week overtime allocation versus an 8-hour work day allocation. Also asked if the Agency was required to follow government labor regulations since they are a government agency.

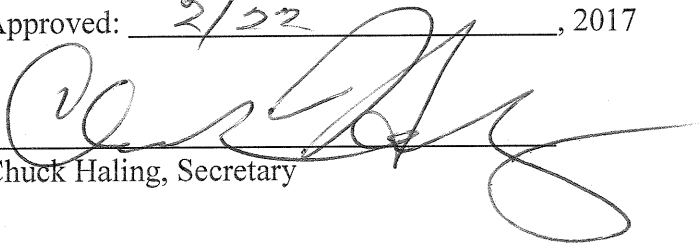
Rod Colbert (McHenry): Has also been waiting on his channel to be dredged. Asked, with all the applications on the list, how long it would take the Agency to complete all the projects (20 years). Asked if there was anything the public could do to help.

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 8:13 p.m.

Approved: 2/22, 2017



Chuck Haling, Secretary