



Fox Waterway Agency
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2017

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

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 January 25, 2017 Regular Meeting and February 13, 2017 Committee of The Whole Meeting. 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.

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 \$576,387.29 on hand. January (and year-to-date) sticker sales totaled \$302,515.00. The Agency also received a refund from Nicor and the Pistakee Lake Grant of \$9,270.00.

MOTION: Director Meyer made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. 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.

4.2 Approval of Bills

Director Meyer presented bills to be paid totaling \$110,859.33.

MOTION: Director Meyer made a motion to pay all the bills. 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 Shields mentioned that there is no update on the 10-year permit which expires at the end of the month. The Agency is trying to setup a meeting with the Army Corps. The Island Project has been given approval to move forward with the public meeting forum.

5.2

DISCUSSION: Director Bartmann discussed FEMA, PW 611, and the headquarter operation renovation status. The headquarters building has been insulated. Bids were opened for the piles and flooring and the contract was awarded to the low bidder Carmichael Construction; 75% of cost will be reimbursed by FEMA. The office build-out package will soon be released for bidding.

6.0 New Business

6.1

DISCUSSION: Direction Mitchell introduced the Northern Illinois Offshore Club who would like to host the second annual shootout event on August 6th, 2017 from 11am – 3pm. The proposed location is the same as last year – Grass Lake. The police have requested a no wake be enforced from 10am – 4pm. The NIOC will fill out the no wake application.

6.2

MOTION: Director Hellyer made a motion approve the amended FWA overtime policy for the 2017 handbook which would solidify overtime awarded after 8 hours at the discretion of the Agency. Chairman Blake and Director Meyer and Shields discussed their opposition to such a policy. The motion was seconded by Director Bartmann. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Directors Bartmann, Haling, Hellyer, Mitchell

Nay: Directors Meyer, Shields

The Motion carried.

6.3

DISCUSSION: Director Meyer led a discussion on the non-binding IGA with the Village of Fox Lake for fleet service maintenance agreement. The Board is in favor of entering into this agreement; Attorney McArdle will edit the agreement to fit the FWA and the matter will be presented at the March meeting.

6.4

MOTION: Director Bartmann made a motion to adopt the proposed Ordinance establishing the custodian of Agency funds, authorized bank depositories and signatories for the Fox Waterway Agency bank deposits. The motion was seconded by Director Haling.

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

The motion carried.

7.0 Advisory Committee Report and Recommendations

Randy Sweet advised the Board the next meeting is April 6, 2017. There will be no spring cleanup this year; turnout has been low and there has been a lack of trash in previous years. The Illinois Water Cleanup Day is September 16, so the Committee will revisit then. The Boat Show is 3/2-3/5 and they need volunteers to work.

8.0 Reports

8.1 Executive Director

Executive Director Keller informed the Board:

- The building project is progressing.
- There is proposed legislation that would allow the FWA to receive property tax money and the ability to acquire new property.

8.2 Field Superintendent

Acting Field Superintendent Rob Bowman informed the Board:

- The field crew has removed 443 loads from Coopers Farm
- There was an accident involving an FWA truck this week; an insurance claim was submitted

9.0 Board Comments

9.1 Directors

- **Director Meyer:** Commented that he saw many seagulls and upwards of 30 bald eagles in the Lake Marie/Cathryn area.

10.0 Public Comments and presentations

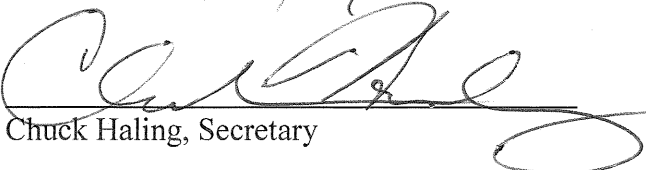
- **Jim Cistaro (Grass Lake Rd., Spring Grove):** Mentioned that he felt the NIOC event was unsuccessful, noisy, and did not promote tourism. Questioned how much money the event brought in for tourism and revenue.
- **Ed Maslowski (39446 N. Circle, Petite Lake):** Requested his channel be dredged; they have been told twice that the project will be completed and it hasn't happened yet. Also asked about removing weeds.

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 **8:28** p.m.

Approved: 3/22/17, 2017


Chuck Haling, Secretary



Fox Waterway Agency
Committee of The Whole
February 22, 2017

Recording Secretary: Danielle Hartig

1.0 Call to Order & Roll Call 6:02 p.m.

Chairman Blake

Present: Directors Phil Bartmann, Chuck Haling, Bill Hellyer, James Meyer, Dan Mitchell (joined at 6:25 pm), Michael Shields, and Chairman Wayne Blake

FWA Also Present: Agency Attorney David McArdle, Executive Director Joe Keller, Acting Field Superintendent Rob Bowman

2.0 Discussion

The City of McHenry is moving forward with a motorized boat launch installation off of Charles J. Miller Road. They need the FWA's assistance with removing approximately 1,000 cubic feet of material (1 day of work). They will utilize their own trucks and the work will be performed under the City of McHenry's Army Corps of Engineer's permit. There is an intergovernmental agreement between the City of McHenry, Lakemoor, and Johnsborg that will allow all residents within these communities to use the boat launch as the resident-rate.

The second item of discussion was focused around the Nippersink Channel dredging project. Chairman Blake proposed the utilization of a mud motor to move material and allow boat passage. The Army Corps of Engineers believes this is a dredging project and therefore requires a dredging permit to perform. Chairman Blake will follow up with the Army Corps. To dredge all of Nippersink, it is approximately 131,712 yards that would cost \$1.5 million for roughly 50 homes on the channel. Various issues and possible solutions were discussed.

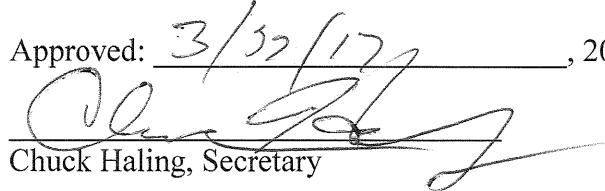
3.0 Public Comment

Deborah Jones/Steven Cena (Lake Vista Terrace): Wondered whether or not the Nippersink Channel would be dredged; they would like the mouth of the channel dredged foremost.

4.0 Adjourn

MOTION: Director Haling made a motion to adjourn the Committee of The Whole meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Bartmann. A voice vote was taken. The motion was approved unanimously. The Committee of The Whole meeting adjourned at **6:50 p.m.**

Approved: 3/32/17, 2017


Chuck Haling, Secretary