



Fox Waterway Agency
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 28, 2017

Recording Secretary: Danielle Hartig

1.0. Call to Order & Roll Call 7:06 p.m.

Chairman Blake

Present: Directors Chris Allen, Chuck Haling, Bill Hellyer, James Meyer, Dan Mitchell, Christine Stochl, and Chairman Wayne Blake

FWA Also Present: Agency Attorney David McArdle, Randy Sweet of the Advisory Committee, Executive Director Joe Keller, 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 May 24, 2017 Regular Meeting as amended to correct typographical errors. The motion was seconded by Director Allen. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Directors Allen, Haling, Hellyer, Meyer, Mitchell and Stochl

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 \$804,186.78 on hand. May sticker sales totaled \$275,074.00 and year-to-date sales totaled \$1,144,159.00.

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 Allen, Haling, Hellyer, Meyer, Mitchell and Stochl

The Motion carried.

4.2 Approval of Bills

Director Meyer presented the bills for payment totaling \$183,290.61.

MOTION: Director Meyer made a motion to approve payment of the bills totaling \$183,290.61. The motion was seconded by Director Mitchell. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Directors Allen, Haling, Hellyer, Meyer, Mitchell and Stochl

The Motion carried.

4.2 Accounts Receivables

Director Meyer explained the A/R totals \$14,113.00 and all accounts are under 30 days old.

5.0 Old Business

5.1

DISCUSSION: Director Stochl discussed the Army Corps of Engineers/Island Project. She mentioned that the FWA returned a letter back to the Army Corps of Engineers and are waiting on a response.

5.2

DISCUSSION: Executive Director Keller updated the Board on the building improvements for office renovation and FEMA reimbursables. The floor project is completed and partial reimbursement totaling \$52,000 by FEMA should be received in July. The office projected is being partially reimbursed as well.

6.0 New Business

6.1

MOTION: Director Mitchell made a motion to approve a WRP for the Pistakee Yacht Club/Blue Chip Regatta. The event takes places on September 16-17, 2017 on Pistakee Lake. The FWA will provide buoys but not install them. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Directors Allen, Haling, Hellyer, Meyer, Mitchell and Stochl
The Motion carried.

6.2

DISCUSSION: Director Meyer discussed the FWA Employee Phone Policy. Input was provided by various Board Members; Executive Director Keller will work on redrafting the policy to represent next month.

6.3

MOTION: Director Hellyer made a motion to approve an agreement by and between Dan Ziomek and the Fox Waterway Agency for the temporary use of his property for Governor/Fortress Channel dredging. The motion was seconded by Director Haling. Field Superintendent Bowman will confirm the FWA insurance will protect the seawall. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Directors Allen, Haling, Hellyer, Meyer, Mitchell and Stochl
The Motion carried.

6.4

MOTION: Director Haling made a motion to approve FWA participation as a buyer in the upcoming equipment auction, subject to the Board approving the bid amount. The motion was seconded by Director Hellyer. Chairman Blake would like the Agency to possibly bid on a tub grinder if priced right. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Directors Allen, Hellyer, Mitchell and Stochl

No: Directors Haling, Meyer

The Motion carried.

After a brief discussion on making a motion that would specify a not-to-exceed spend, it was decided by the entire Board that the FWA would not participate in the auction.

6.5

MOTION: Director Stochl made a motion to approve a WRP for the Venetian Night Boat Parade on Pistakee Lake. The motion was seconded by Director Mitchell. The event will take place on August 5, 2017. There is a fundraiser for this event at Dockers on July 12th. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Directors Allen, Haling, Hellyer, Meyer, Mitchell and Stochl

The Motion carried.

6.6

DISCUSSION: Director Mitchell discussed the removal of the No Wake area on southern Grass Lake. Field Superintendent Bowman contacted the IDNR because the no wake area is near the State Park. He is trying to schedule a meeting with the IDNR to survey the area. Also, it is believed that the FWA enabling legislation requires this area to be a no wake. At the next meeting, the Board will be shown the ordinance as well as an aerial map of the area in question.

7.0 Advisory Committee Report and Recommendations

Randy Sweet advised the Board that the next meeting is July 12, 2017.

8.0 Reports

8.1 Executive Director

Executive Director Keller informed the Board:

- Directors Stochl, Haling, Allen and Chairman Blake were provided their re-election/election certificates from the State.
- The façade of the Agency's headquarters will be changing over the next few weeks. It is an exciting time. Thanked the staff, Board, and public for their efforts on the project.

8.2 Field Superintendent

Field Superintendent Rob Bowman informed the Board:

- The McHenry Boat launch is completed; 215 truck loads, 2,008 yards removed in 6 days. The project went well.
- The crew is at the McHenry County Country Club to remove the sand berm.
- Venetian Gardens has been slow moving. There is a lot of debris and has a hard bottom. The northernmost channel is completed. The southern portion is requiring more excavation. A resident wrote a letter commending the field crew on their work.
- Warned people of a concrete footing located under the Route 14 rail bridge.
- Dirt processing site is up and running.
- The auction went well – 20 items were sold for \$8,250.27 after commission fees.
- After the 4th, the crew will be moving their equipment from the boat launch into Grass Lake for West Dunn's Entrance, then Governor's Channel.
- Since the last meeting, they have received 44 debris complaints.

9.0 Board Comments

9.1 Directors

- **Mitchell:** Hopes the weather is good for the holiday weekend.
- **Meyer:** Wished everyone a happy Fourth & hopes everyone has a safe time.

10.0 Public Comments and presentations

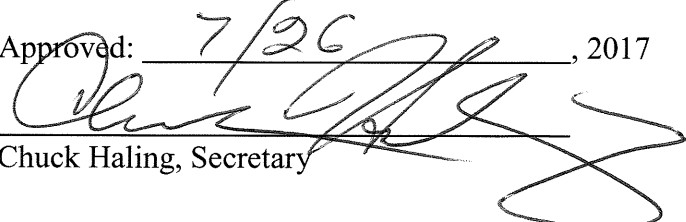
- **Fred Rosch (Fox River Grove):** Wondered if people were allowed to stand on the bow of the boat while moving (ultimately, unsure of what the rule is). Also mentioned the hidden footing under the route 14 bridge – if you stay in the middle, you will avoid it.
- **James Paschky (Port Barrington):** Questioned where he could receive more information from the gentlemen who attends the meetings from Wisconsin.
- **Bob Jensell (Venetian Gardens):** Mentioned that many municipalities have tub grinders. Echoed sentiments that the field crew is doing a great job at Venetian Gardens.
- **Jim Cistaro (Grass Lake):** Thanked the Board for discussing the no wake zone on Grass Lake.

11.0 Executive Session

MOTION: Director Hellyer made 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: 7/26, 2017


Chuck Haling, Secretary