


May 3, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Approved

July 10, 2018

	Advisory Committee (appointed by Board of Directors) Fox Waterway Agency 45 S Pistakee Lake Rd Fox Lake, IL 60020	
----- Minutes -----		
1.0 Call to Order	Chairman Sweet	
Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Sweet.		
2.0 Roll Call	Chairman Sweet	
<u>Present:</u> Randy Sweet, Anne Basten, Ken Fruh, David Corrigan, Dan Shea, John Fisher, Jill Heyn, Also present: Rob Bowman Public Present: None		
<u>Absent:</u> Police, Joe Remke and Don Larson <u>Excused:</u> Dennis Leo, Stacey Brooks, Tim Webster, Sue Draffkorn, Hank Reinke, and Dan Mitchel.		
3.0 Pledge of Allegiance	Chairman Sweet	
4.0 Approval of Minutes	Chairman Sweet	
4.1 Minutes of April 5, 2018		
Motion: Motion to approve the minutes of April 5, 2018 as presented.		
Motion: Dan Shea Second: Ken Fruh Discussion: None Motion carried.		
5.0 Reports		

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5.1 FWA Report – Rob Bowman

Rob Bowman reported that the field crew began installing the buoys for the summer season. There was a delay due to high water and debris clean up. The river buoys were all installed by IDNR.

McDOT would be installing a No Wake area beginning May 7, 2018 through August 31, 2018 100 feet on either side of the Chapel Hill Road Bridge.

The Board has approved a dredging policy which will go on public review shortly.

Staff had been doing some repair work at Cooper in one of the cells and on the perimeter and had completed a touch up from the work done last dredging season near Haling's marina.

The Board adopted WRP policy changes allowing for recouping of fees and indemnification with an updated code for 2018.

Trinski Island project still under public review and staff has been responding to questions.

The paperwork is in the process of being completed for the final reimbursement from FEMA for the building repairs. A seawall installation has been approved for in front of the office.

Rob will look into the details on the boat launch in Miller Park which the Fox Waterway Agency assisted in.

There was a question about who is in charge of the water levels on the river. Rita Lee oversees the department but it is believed that another person is being hired to manage this.

The Board discussed a request by McHenry to have a Kayak race in conjunction with McHenry Fiesta Days that would run from Route 120 bridge south to the dam and back.

5.2 Regional (Upper/Lower/Lakes)

Discussion: The upper river and lakes were low, the lower river was almost 12" higher than normal.

5.3 Upcoming Events

Discussion: Anne Basten reported on legislation affecting the waterway which included a Senate Bill that would turn over several pieces of property from IDNR to the Fox Waterway Agency that the agency is currently using for the office, dredge drying areas, etc.

6.0 Old Business

6.1 Spring Clean Up

Discussion: There was a review of the cleanup matrix created by Chairman Sweet – everything looked in order. It was noted that Oak Point had been cancelled due to lack of a volunteer to oversee it. Rob Bowman was assigning staff to drop off and pick up the garbage assuming there would not be more than can be handled by the trucks provided by the agency. Materials for the cleanup were picked up at the end of the meeting. Thanks to Ken & Dave for distributing fliers at the marinas, restaurants, etc.

7.0 New Business

7.1 Ideas to Bring to the Board for Consideration

Discussion: Chairman Sweet would like to pursue reviewing of the regulations and existing documentation in both counties regarding new construction and the discharge of stormwater coming into the system from new development which sometimes carries silt and soil to see if there was a way to mitigate the impact or recoup income to cover the cost of dredging the materials at a later date. He suggested a review of the regulations and the authorizations. It was suggested that some of the research may have been done through recently adopted watershed plans or those still under consideration.

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7.2 Ideas for boat tour (July 10)

Discussion: Someone suggested walking tour of the McHenry Boat Ramp and the construction going on at the McHenry Dam. Chairman Sweet will investigate if this will work.

8.0 Public Comments & Presentations by others

Dan Shea announced that a project in Fox River Grove had been cancelled

9.0 Adjournment

Motion to adjourn May 3, 2018 Advisory Committee Meeting.

Motion: Dan Shea

Second: John Fisher

Discussion: None

Motion carries, meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.