

**February 4, 2021 Meeting Minutes
To Be Approved April 1, 2021**



Advisory Committee
(appointed by Board of Directors)
Via Zoom Video Conference Call
Fox Waterway Agency
45 S Pistakee Lake Rd
Fox Lake, IL 60020

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1.0 Call to Order

Chairman Smarto

Meeting called to order at 7:00PM

2.0 Roll Call

Chairman Smarto

Present: Pat Smarto, Dennis Leo, Ken Fruh, Judy Martini, John Fisher, Tom Fernstrom, Randy Sweet, Al Gohlbach, David Corrigan, Sue Draffkorn and Jason Hetterman

Staff Present: Rob Bowman

Absent: Police, Anne Basten, Pam Althoff, Warren Moulis, Henry Reinke, Keith Carpenter, Dan Mitchell
Excused:

3.0 Review of Minutes and subsequent comment/corrections/approval

Discussion: Draft Minutes of November 5, 2020

Motion: To approve the minutes of November 5, 2020 without revisions

Motion: Judy Martini

Second: John Fisher

Motion carried

4.0 Reports

4.1 FWA

Rob Bowman reported that the waterway is working on finalizing the purchase of two new trucks. They continue to remove materials from the Cooper Cell. A preliminary dredging plan was presented at the last board meeting. The waterway has placed an order for additional buoys. The Triathlon special event was approved and the waterway will be providing assistance with buoys and closure of the area

4.2 Regional (Upper/Lower/Lakes)

The lower and upper rivers still have open water. At this time Pistakee Lake is frozen with approximately 6-7" of ice cover.

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5.0 Old Business

5.1 FWA Public Education Program Committee – It was agreed to have a committee form and begin having meetings. Dennis Leo, John Fisher, David Corrigan, Don Schnurr (who is applying to join the Advisory Committee), Jason Hetterman and Rob Bowman have volunteered for the committee.

6.0 New Business

6.1 Review of by Laws – Chairman Smarto and Director Hetterman are reviewing the 2010 by laws to look for opportunities to better define the role of the committee and their projects.

6.2 Introduction – New Committee Member Applicant – Don Schnurr, The Boat House
Don submitted a letter introducing himself and outlining why he wants to join the committee. All members had an opportunity to review the letter. There were no issues with the appointment and the committee unanimously agreed to move the application to the Board for approval.

6.3 Other –

7.0 Member Comments:

Randy Sweet gave an update on the two outstanding grants applications that had been submitted. There are two for infrastructure and improvements. The agency is also waiting for an answer on the IEPA 319 grant. A decision is anticipated by the Summer. Randy Sweet also discussed the possibility of adding a weather station to the agency to provide real time updates on current conditions.

8.0 Public Comments

Kayla Boyd – asked if we will be recording the meetings and putting them up on the site. Ms. Boyd mentioned that our constituents, who may work 2nd or 3rd shift, are not able to attend and this will provide them with an opportunity to view at their leisure. The agency is exploring this as a future project.

Gordon Schwantner – identified himself as the owner of the board yard. He lives in Spring Grove and is interested in becoming more involved in the waterway.

9.0 Adjournment

Motion to adjourn February 4, 2021 Advisory Committee Meeting.

Motion: Ken Fruh

Second: David Corrigan

Discussion: None

Motion carries, meeting adjourned at PM