

**April 7, 2022 Meeting Minutes**  
**Approved May 5, 2022**



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

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**1.0 Call to Order**

Chair Smarto

Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM .

**2.0 Roll Call**

Secretary Basten

Present: Pat Smarto, Anne Basten, Rob Bryson, Don Schurr, and Jason Hettermann

Present via Zoom: John McGuire, Alan Golbach, Ken Fruh, John Fisher, David Corrigan, Laura King

Staff Present: Rob Bowman

Absent: Police, Pam Althoff, Warren Moulis, Keith Carpenter, Tom Fernstrom, Judy Martini

Excused: None

Others Present: Chris Stochl

**3.0 Review of Minutes and subsequent comment/corrections/approval**

Discussion: Draft Minutes of February 3, 2022

Motion: To approve the minutes of February 3, 2022

Motion: Rob Bryson

Second: Laura King

Motion carried

**4.0 Reports**

4.1 Rob reported that two more special use permits had been approved including a June triathlon and drag races.

Cooper Farms work was completed. Dredging machines have been moved to Halings Channel. There have been a lot of debris calls.

Chairman Smarto met with staff on the river clean up. Boone Creek has been removed as a site due to a conflict in time with the Environmental Defenders who will be cleaning it up in the afternoon as they have another event in the morning.

Rob reported that an EPA grant agreement is in the process of being executed which will fund a watershed plan for the upper fox in McHenry and Lake County. North Water Consultants have been hired to help but a coordinator may need to be hired and a committee will be formed to work with staff and the consultant to collect information. Rob explained the process. Anne Basten provided contact information for Randy Stowe of Hebron who coordinated the Nippersink Watershed plan with the

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Master Property Owners Association as a possible coordinator for the agency. Anne Basten also volunteered to be on the committee. Laura King stated that the McHenry County Conservation District staff may be able to assist but more details would be needed. It was stated that there will be outreach to all the current stakeholders and volunteers/data requested.

#### 4.2 Regional (Upper/Lower/Lakes)

The water levels are high but not yet at flood level. Many debris calls and forms have come in.

### 5.0 Old Business

#### 5.1 FWA Public Education Program Committee - Public Safety

Chairman Smarto reported that boater safety training is being offered online and there will be an in person training coming up and Al Golbach reported that the April session was already full. Al also shared that there is a new rule this year that if the fire extinguishers are expired or more than 12 years old they will not pass. There will be a boat inspection on Memorial Day at the Fox Lake McDonalds. More information at <https://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=095-41-04> or <https://www.govserv.org/US/Fox-Lake/1390610581198613/U.S.-Coast-Guard-Auxiliary-Flotilla-41-04-Fox-Lake-IL>

#### 5.2 Lyons Prairie & Marsh Erosion

This topic was skipped since there was no new information to share.

5.3 2022 Clean up – the group will be meeting again on May 5<sup>th</sup> to pick up supplies for the events. A few assignments were added. The fliers will be ready for distribution soon.

### 6.0 New Business

#### 6.1 Resignation of Dennis Leo, Vice Chair

Chairman Smarto reported that Vice Chair Dennis Leo has resigned to spend more time on his leisure pursuits. After some discussion and request for volunteers to fill the position, Laura King volunteered to serve.

6.2 IEPA Water Quality Study/Water Quality Monitoring – a presentation will be held at the Pistakee Yacht Club on the study and what will be done and why. Details will be provided when available.

### 7.0 Member Comments:

John McGuire asked for assistance on updating the waterway portion of the Lake County Visitor Center website to make sure the information is up to date.

Laura King asked if the dredge materials from Jim Huemann's property will be removed.

There was also a comment from Rob Bryson that the "Send" button on the complaint form on the Agency website was not working.

### 8.0 Public Comments

There were no comments

### 9.0 Adjournment

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Motion to adjourn April 7, 2022 Advisory Committee Meeting.

Motion: Rob Bryson

Second: Anne Basten

Discussion: None

Motion carries, meeting adjourned at 8:24 PM