

West Fork Waterway Association Inc.

Annual Directors Meeting Minutes, 5/18/2024

Meeting called to order at 8:59 AM by President Chris Frasch

Attendance: Chris Frasch (President), Roger Anderson (Vice President/Treasurer), Jack Cook (Director), Lynne Rice (Director), Mike Freeman (Secretary) and Jan Sharpe. There was a quorum present to make the meeting official.

Agenda Review

Chris pointed out that the item regarding "Status of Director positions" was incorrect. The statement about Rob Slotten's term as Secretary should not be there because it was from last year.

Verification of Notice

Meeting notice sent 4/12/2024. Chris posted it on the website, Lynne put it in the paper, USPS to members and E-mail to officers.

Secretary's Report

Director's Mtg - All in attendance reviewed the meeting minutes from last year's Membership meeting. There were no comments. Chris made a motion to approve them, Roger 2nd. MC (Motion Carried)

Membership Mtg – Last year's meeting minutes were reviewed. The official approval will occur at the June 15th meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Roger had a question about our donation to the Community Club. He wanted to know if he had the authorization to automatically pay it or if it needed to be approved by the board. It was determined that the board should vote on it. Chris made a motion to pay \$50.00, Jack 2nd. MC (Motion carried)

Roger received a letter from the Town of Gordon. The town had been paying for upkeep of the dam out of the WFWA savings account, which it was not supposed to do. Any upkeep costs should be paid by Ashland County, but that had not been happening. However, the county finally caught up and sent Roger a check for \$385 to cover the maintenance from 2017-2022. Roger endorsed the check and sent it back to the Town of Gordon so it could be deposited back into our account.

Roger read the Treasurer's Report, he had paper copies for all present. Current balance in account is = \$ 7952.66.

Jack motioned to accept the report, Chris 2nd. MC (Motion Carried)

Membership Status

Members paid so far this year = 12. Mike to send dues notices to all that have not paid. Last year there were 16 paid members. There was a discussion regarding recruiting new members. Lynne mentioned publicizing the Flood Evacuation Plan regarding the failure of the Day Lake dam might be an incentive for joining.

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Budget

Roger reported the Budget for 07/2024 - 06/2025. Roger had paper copies for all present. This was an overview and will need to be approved at the Membership meeting.

This last fiscal year we came in \$135 under budget.

Thrivent Report

Roger donated \$25 and Rob Slotten donated \$50.

Canoe Landing

Roger found out about an Ashland County informational meeting regarding resurfacing portions of Hwy GG and thought it would be a good opportunity to meet the county representatives that might be able to help us. Roger, Chris and Mike decided to make the trip to Mellen to attend. At the meeting we met Matt Erickson, the county commissioner. Matt agreed to meet with us at the site. The meeting went well and Matt thought that it could be feasible, he also agreed to check to make sure the county still owned the property. If the property is still owned by the county, we would then have to contact the DNR about regulations. If we are successful up to this point, Matt suggested we then contact the Rec and Forestry board in Butternut to keep them updated on what we are doing.

ELECTIONS:

Offices up for elections at the Annual Membership Meeting are:

President – Chris Frasch (Incumbent)

Vice President/Treasurer – Roger Anderson (Incumbent)

First Director - Jack Cook (Incumbent)

Nominations will be taken from the floor. Nominees must be present.

New Business

No new business at this time.

Adjourn – 10:10am

Motion to Adjourn made by Chris, Mike 2nd. MC (Motion Carried)

Next Board of Directors meeting - 3rd Sat of May.	5/17/2025 9:00 AM
2025 Annual meeting – 3rd Saturday of June	6/21/2025 10:00 AM

Respectfully submitted:

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... to preserve and protect the historic West Fork Waterway and wildlife area for recreation and public enjoyment of its scenic beauty today and in the future.