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November 5, 2015

	<p>Advisory Committee (appointed by Board of Directors)</p> <p>Held on October 1, 2015 Lake Front Park Room 1 71 Nippersink Blvd Fox Lake, IL 60020</p>	
<p>----- Minutes -----</p>		
<p>1.0 Call to Order</p>	<p>Chairman Sweet</p>	
<p>Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairman Randy Sweet.</p>		
<p>2.0 Roll Call</p>	<p>Secretary Basten</p>	
<p><u>Present:</u> Randy Sweet, Dennis Leo, Anne Basten, Ken Fruh, David Corrigan, Don Larson, Dan Shea, and Tom Fernstrom Also present: Joe Keller, Executive Director Others Present: Tim Webster</p>		
<p><u>Absent:</u> Fred Rosch, Police <u>Excused:</u> Sue Draffkorn, Stacey Brooks, Jill Heyn, and Henry Reinke.</p>		
<p>3.0 Pledge of Allegiance</p>	<p>Chairman Sweet</p>	
<p>4.0 Approval of Minutes</p>	<p>Chairman Sweet</p>	
<p>4.1 Minutes of July 14, 2015</p>		
<p>Motion: A motion was made to table the approval of minutes until copies are provided since staff was not present with the copies.</p>		
<p>Motion: Ken Fruh Second: David Corrigan Discussion: The minutes arrived shortly after the motion to table was made. Motion carried.</p>		
<p>Motion: Motion to approve the minutes of July 14, 2015 with the correction of one typo.</p>		
<p>Motion: Ken Fruh Second: David Corrigan Discussion: None Motion carried.</p>		
<p>5.0 Reports</p>		
<p>5.1 Regional (Upper/Lower/Lakes)</p>	<p>Open</p>	

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Discussion: The lower river had risen to near flood conditions with the recent rains but no severe flooding. There was discussion about the confusion about whether there were restrictions on the waterway since the web page did not get updated until late in the afternoon of the event but signs went up and it had been posted on Facebook. Advisory Committee members are asked to think about ways to get the word out for the next meeting. One of the ideas was for volunteers along the water to have advisory signs that can be posted on their personal property after being notified of a restriction in their zone.

5.2 Current Events	Open
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Discussion: River Shiver 10/3/15, Chain Crawl end of season party 10/3/15, McHenry County Historical Society Cider Fest 10/4/15 (10-2), Taste of McHenry 10/3/15, Harvard Fall Fest 10/3/15

6.0 Old Business

6.1 Website Presentation	Secretary Basten
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Discussion: The presentation went well, Board had already seen the recommendations and were in support. Met with Pablo the intern who is working on the project. They will be creating the new website through WordPress. Should be ready in 2+ weeks per Joe.

6.2 Sticker Pricing	Chairman Sweet
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Discussion: Dennis Leo reported that due to the situation downstate and the cancellation of State Grants that the Agency is expected to have a large short fall of approximately \$90,000 for the operating year. Joe Keller confirmed that he believed this would be a temporary situation but that the biggest item was the buoy grants that normally come in the fall and was budgeted for \$300,000 of revenue. He also reported that all agencies have been advised to work on other sources of revenue to replace state funds.

The discussion continued with an idea on charging higher sticker rates for out of area users or maybe have an escalated rate established so that users would know in advance when and how much sticker prices would be rising. There were further suggestions of increasing commercial boat stickers and charging snowmobiles and wakeboarders due to the amount of erosion damage caused. Joe Keller shared that he had been told that sticker sales had been about the same as the previous year and Dennis & Randy volunteered to gather additional facts on which to base further discussion at the next meeting.

Somewhere in the middle of this discussion, Executive Director Keller entered the meeting and he so he was introduced to those who did not know him at this point. Mr. Keller thanked the advisory committee for their work and gave a little bit of background on his experience.

7.0 New Business

7.1 New Member Discussion/recommendation re: Tim Webster	Chairman Sweet
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Discussion: Chairman Sweet re-read the membership request letter from Tim Webster who has been waiting for approval to be on the Advisory Committee. Tim then gave a brief introduction of himself and why he wants to volunteer additional time to the Agency.

Motion: Motion to recommend approval of Tim Webster's appointment to the Advisory Board

Motion: Anne Basten
Second: Tom Fernstrom
Discussion: None
Motion carried.

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7.2 Orange Flag Use & Education	Chairman Sweet
<p>Discussion: It was noted that some boats were displaying Blackhawk flags that looked like the orange flags from a distance. It was also witnessed that Lake County Sheriff's Department was stopping people for misusing or not using the orange flag properly but McHenry County Sheriff Deputies were seen ignoring similar situations. There was discussion on how to get help changing the legislation to the originally proposed wording where the flag would only be raised when someone was in the water. Further discussion included a suggestion of proposing legislative changes to be shared with the public for their input. Chairman Sweet offered to talk to Dan Mitchell about this issue and get his input before the November meeting.</p>	
7.3 Next Meeting November 5, 2015	Chairman Sweet
8.0 Public Comments & Presentations by others	
<p>Ken Fruh reported that he had spoken to Fred Rosch and that he did not have time to attend meetings and verbally resigned. Chairman Sweet will formally follow through with the removal procedure.</p>	
9.0 Adjournment	
<p>Motion to adjourn October 1, 2015 Advisory Committee Meeting.</p>	
<p>Motion: Dan Shea Second: Ken Fruh Discussion: None Motion carries, meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.</p>	