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February 4, 2016

	<p>Advisory Committee (appointed by Board of Directors)</p> <p>Held on November 5, 2015 Lake Front Park Room 1 71 Nippersink Blvd Fox Lake, IL 60020</p>	
----- Minutes -----		
1.0 Call to Order	Chairman Sweet	
Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Chairman Randy Sweet.		
2.0 Roll Call	Secretary Basten	
<p><u>Present:</u> Randy Sweet, Dennis Leo, Anne Basten, David Corrigan, Sue Draffkorn, Don Larson, Tim Webster, Dan Shea, Henry Reinke, and Jill Heyn Also present: Rob Rinkenberger, Superintendent Others Present: Private Resident</p>		
<p><u>Absent:</u> Fred Rosch, Police <u>Excused:</u> Ken Fruh, Tom Fernstrom, Stacey Brooks.</p>		
3.0 Pledge of Allegiance	Chairman Sweet	
4.0 Approval of Minutes	Chairman Sweet	
4.1 Minutes of October 1, 2015		
Motion: Motion to approve the minutes of October 1, 2015 as presented.		
<p>Motion: Don Larson Second: David Corrigan Discussion: None. Motion carried.</p>		
5.0 Reports		
5.1 Regional (Upper/Lower/Lakes)	Open	
<p>Discussion: The River was up in Fox River Grove. The winter drawdown was almost complete which shut down dredging operations even though the weather was good so the lakes were down. The dam is expected to be closed the following week for the winter.</p>		
5.2 Current Events	Open	
Discussion: None.		
5.3 Other reports		

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Discussion: Dennis Leo reported on the recent Board action beginning with the status on the office building. The building is still uninhabitable and the option is to destroy and rebuild or extensive renovation and cleaning up the mold. They have also discussed placing a doublewide office trailer on the site. Key items were missing on the bid specifications so some costs were missing from the presentation to the Board. FEMA has extended the time period for potential recovery.

The stickers for 2016 boating season will be pink. There was discussion about maybe having a separate category for wake board boats because of the severe shoreline erosion they cause with the larger wakes.

The agency has requested and received a \$250,000 line of credit to tide them over during the State budget crisis.

The new website is up and is still being tweaked but looked good.

6.0 Old Business

6.1 Orange Flag Use & Education

Chairman Sweet

Discussion: Dennis Leo explained that the State of Missouri had their law like ours is now and also had difficulty and have since gone to the way the Illinois legislation was presented. It was suggested that someone create a visual graphic on the proper use that could be put on the back of the stickers and/or posted at the boat launches and post on the website. It is too late for the 2016 stickers since they are already going to print. Rob stated that Colleen might have some resources for the visual graphics.

David Corrigan recommended that the agency start a regular blog where educational information could be provided throughout the season.

It was reported that the Route 12 railroad bridgework will be starting soon.

6.2 Sticker Pricing

Chairman Sweet

Discussion: Dennis Leo shared the results of his research noting that he was not able to find any agency similar to the Fox Waterway Agency. Most of the comparisons were for freshwater lakes within State Parks. Use sticker prices ranged between \$35 and \$200 with the State of Nevada at the high end. The State of Maryland has a 5% tax on the purchase price of boats to use toward maintaining their waterway (we think it is the Chesapeake Bay). In all instances there was a higher price for commercial stickers and out of state users were double.

6.3 Other

Rob Rinkenberger reported that the Intergovernmental Agreement was terminated prematurely on the location they had been using to dry dredge materials due to roadwork and they are looking for are looking for more space.

There was further discussion about boat stickers and that the State had one more level above 25' and that there are some of those larger boats on the Fox system but that the majority are in the 15' to 25' range. David Corrigan talked about Wave Runners being too expensive for the small amount of wake they generate and being in the same class as bigger boats.

7.0 New Business

7.1 Welcome Tim Webster

Chairman Sweet

Discussion: Tim was actually welcomed at the beginning of the meeting but we officially did it again at this point. Tim has attended most of the meetings for the last year.

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7.3 Next Meeting February 4, 2015	Chairman Sweet
8.0 Public Comments & Presentations by others	
A local resident familiar to Rob Rinkenberger named Chris spoke about the shoreline stabilization association that is being formed in her community. They would like to see a portion of their tax dollars which are assessed higher because of their water rights, be used for shoreline stabilization within their subdivision. This sounds like a beneficial endeavor and it will need legislative support. They have spoken with Senator Althoff.	
9.0 Adjournment	
Motion to adjourn November 5, 2015 Advisory Committee Meeting.	
Motion: Dan Shea Second: Sue Draffkorn Discussion: None Motion carries, meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.	