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April 4, 2016

	<p>Advisory Committee (appointed by Board of Directors)</p> <p>Held on February 4, 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>Vice Chairman Leo</p>	
<p>Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Vice Chairman Dennis Leo.</p>		
<p>2.0 Roll Call</p>	<p>Secretary Basten</p>	
<p><u>Present:</u> Dennis Leo, Anne Basten, David Corrigan, Sue Draffkorn, Tim Webster, Dan Shea, Tom Fernstrom, and Jill Heyn Also present: Rob Rinkenberger, Superintendent Others Present: None</p>		
<p><u>Absent:</u> Police <u>Excused:</u> Randy Sweet, Don Larson, Henry Reinke, Stacey Brooks.</p>		
<p>3.0 Pledge of Allegiance</p>	<p>Vice Chairman Leo</p>	
<p>4.0 Approval of Minutes</p>	<p>Vice Chairman Leo</p>	
<p>4.1 Minutes of November 5, 2015</p>		
<p>Motion: Motion to approve the minutes of November 5, 2015 as presented.</p>		
<p>Motion: Dan Shea Second: Dan Mitchell Discussion: None. Motion carried.</p>		
<p>5.0 Reports</p>		
<p>5.1 FWA</p>	<p>Rob Rinkenberger</p>	

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Discussion: Rob explained that the crew has been cobbling together working equipment from the parts of multiple boats and trucks to create working equipment. They hope to have 2 working boats in time for the season. The large dredge is repaired. They are also trying to get more working trucks. Staff is working together.

The old building has been recently gutted except for some of the office space that is holding the building together. They are in the process of securing funding. The plans call for the new space to be elevated higher out of the flood plain.

The Agency has received a small watershed study grant to cover the creation of a watershed plan for the Pistakee Lake South corridor. Once the study is done, they would be eligible to apply for USACOE 319 funding for a possible project. This was a great partnership with Lake County Stormwater and others.

The main focus of the 2016 season will be dredging on the main navigational channels with the big machine. Then Ingleside and the Fox River Valley Gardens area. They are also continuing to work with the Army Corps (USACOE) regarding Trinski Island and a town hall type meeting date will be set after next week. The FWA is also working on renewing their 10 year permit.

5.2 Regional (Upper/Lower/Lakes)Current Events

Open

Discussion: The lakes were high but have receded and the river was about 6" over normal as of this date.

5.3 Current Events

Discussion: Anne announced the appearance of Peter Annin at McHenry County College the following Tuesday to speak about water tensions in the area. He wrote "The Great Lakes Water Wars" published in 2007. Some of the members present asked for more information to be emailed to them.

6.0 Old Business

6.1 Sticker Pricing

Vice Chairman Leo

Discussion: The Board voted to raise the sticker prices and there were many complaints when the renewal cards went out in January. If paid before the March date, there is a discount but the information was not marketed well. Dan Mitchell reported that the board was advised to raise their rates after their most recent audit which showed that the agency was losing money and might not qualify for loans, etc. The Buoy Grant being withheld by the State and current legal fees related to litigation have affected the budget.

Motion: Motion to recommend to the Board to include a promotional piece (one page) to go out with the renewals annually that highlights the valuable benefits of the Fox Waterway Agency.

Motion: Jill Heyn

Second: Ken Fruh

Discussion: None.

Motion carried.

7.0 New Business

7.1 Boat Show (March 3-6)

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Discussion: There was discussion about items that the committee would like to see available at the Boat Show booth including bullet points for talking points. A brainstorm list was drafted to be emailed to Rob at the office the following morning. Rob & Dennis Leo will set up the booth.	
7.2 Ideas for revenue generation.	Ken Fruh
Discussion: Ken shared a few revenue generation ideas that were discussed by the group: 1. Accepting payment by homeowners for side channel dredging. This could be done if the crew was split but there is currently a back log of about 8 years for requests to be filled; 2. Charge for a standard size business sign for sponsors of the Agency locational signs on the system (i.e. the Lake Marie sign). Members of the committee will look for samples and provide photos if possible.	
This revenue generation item is to be moved to Old Business as a regular item for upcoming meeting agendas.	
MOTION: Motion to recommend that the Board look into advertising alternatives on the Lake Identification signs.	
Motion: Ken Fruh Second: David Corrigan Discussion: None. Motion carried.	
7.3 New agenda items for future meetings	Vice Chairman Leo
Discussion: Several members would like to see an item added to future agendas for each committee member to make any announcements. Similar to Public Comments but for committee members.	
7.3 Next Meeting April 7, 2016	Vice Chairman Leo
8.0 Public Comments & Presentations by others	
Dan Mitchell stated that the board members have been approached by business people asking for no wakes in their areas. There was discussion about the requirements by the State and the statutes for setting no wake zones. This can only be done at the state level and can only be removed by the state.	
9.0 Adjournment	
Motion to adjourn February 4, 2016 Advisory Committee Meeting.	
Motion: Ken Fruh Second: Sue Draffkorn Discussion: None Motion carries, meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.	