

July 9, 2019 Meeting Minutes
For Approval
September 5, 2019



Advisory Committee
(appointed by Board of Directors)

BuddyZs
1138 N Green Street
McHenry, IL 60050

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1.0 Call to Order

Chairman Sweet

Meeting called to order at 6:00PM

2.0 Roll Call

Chairman Sweet

Present: Randy Sweet, David Corrigan, Anne Basten, Ken Fruh, Dennis Leo, Henry Reinke, Dan Mitchell, Jill Heyn, Pat Smarto, Jill Heyn, Judy Martini, and John Fisher

Staff Present: Executive Director Joe Keller

Absent: Police, Tim Webster Excused: Dan Shea, Tom Fernstrom, Sue Draffkorn, Keith Carpenter and Pam Althoff

Others Present: Maria Keller, Joey Keller, Belen Keller, Carmela Keller and Shannon Deninger

3.0 Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Sweet

4.0 Review of Minutes and subsequent comment/corrections/approval

Discussion: There were no comments or correction for the Minutes of May 2, 2019

Motion: To approve the minutes of May 2, 2019

Motion: Judy Martini

Second: Pat Smarto

Motion carried

5.0 Reports

5.1 FWA

Report: Executive Director Keller announced that a contract had been signed the previous week for the purchase of property in Lake County. They are still in the due diligence period and if everything goes as planned, this will complete the agreement with the State whereby the agency was able to sell off land the State held for the Agency which they were not able to use, and purchase a replacement property that is useable. The site is in an industrial area and will allow the agency to sell dried dredge materials and no issues with trucks.

5.2 Regional

Discussion: Water levels were still yo-yoing. It was an unusual situation when the upper and lower parts of the system were open and the middle was closed. Several people were caught on the water when the various closures went into effect.

Judy Martini has been working on getting signage in Lake County for posting Open/Closed. Joe Keller is working

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on signage for the Stratton Locks and hopefully the satellite locations in addition to those Judy is working on. Jill Heyn reported a flush of herons on the north end of Columbia Bay.

5.3 Watershed Planning

Chairman Sweet reported that meetings were being held on the 17th and 18th for the municipalities and businesses who were sent a letter and have been asked to help meet the local match. Additional information is on the Website.

Joe Keller also reported that there was a survey out for HOAs, Mayors, Township Supervisors and Road Commissioners related to the Flood Commission.

6.0 Old Business

6.1 Clean Up (May 4th)

Chairman Sweet reported that the cleanup was one of our better ones with over 30 volunteers (a lot from Fleet 17 even with the high water).

7.0 New Business

7.1 New Member discussion and approval (Warren Moulis)

Chairman Sweet reported that Warren Moulis had sent his regards but was unable to attend this evening due to a boat manufacturer meeting. Mr. Moulis and his family own and run three marinas in Lake County and he would like to serve on this committee.

Motion to recommend the appointment of Warren Moulis to the Fox Waterway Advisory Committee.

Motion: Ken Fruh

Second: Dan Mitchell

Discussion: None

Motion carries.

7.2 Suggestions for new Advisory Committee efforts

Chairman Sweet asked if there were any new ideas for the Advisory Committee to tackle. Judy Martini would like to see more promotion of tourism but had no specific ideas at this time. It was noted that when a project is suggested it will need to have a leader step forward to make it happen.

7.3 Advisory Committee 2020 schedule

Chairman Sweet proposed a 2020 schedule of meeting dates:

February 6, 2020

April 2, 2020

May 7, 2020

May 16, 2020 (cleanup)

July 8, 2020 (tour- completed lock update?)

September 3, 2020

November 5, 2020

After a couple of suggested changes for May it was the consensus that the original dates were better.

Motion to approve 2020 Advisory Committee schedule as presented

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Motion: Anne Basten
Second: Dennis Leo
Motion carries.

8.0 Member Comments:

Hank Reinke suggested some additional standards on the system and he was informed that the jurisdiction is not in the hands of the Agency but in the IDNR.

9.0 Public Comments

Joe Keller shared some fishing stories and about all the fish Joe Junior caught recently.

10.0 Adjournment

Motion to adjourn July 9, 2019 Advisory Committee Meeting.

Motion: Dave Corrigan

Second: Pat Smarto

Discussion: None

Motion carries, meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.