Call to Order 11:11. Present were Nancy Williamson, John Church, Matt Bardol, Holly Hudson, Karen Miller, Dan Lobbes, Becky Hoag, Andrea Cline, Bill Donnell, Rob Linke, and Katie Parkhurst. Late, Elizabeth Hagen-Moeller.

Approval of Minutes for November 19, 2014. Dan motioned; Andrea seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report: Matt went over the report. Over $5,000 in membership dues. Net revenue $7,138.92. Expenditures is $4,029.56. Balance is $3,833.44. Katie asked if FREP has enough money to take us through the end of our fiscal year. Matt answered yes.

Annual Membership Campaign – Final Update: Becky reported that we are still getting strong membership. Strongest membership is the last two years. Missing Fox Waterway (no response), West Chicago, Campton Garfield Farms, Pizzo, Mary Zander, Kane County Farm Bureau, North Cook SWCD, and Tallgrass. At 100% of last year. Perhaps we should do a survey and see why or why not they are participating or not. Are people doing for NPDES purposes? Matt asked about focusing the group for a year. Matt asked about offering certificates. Andrea will help Becky do this by drafting the language to include in the agenda, meeting announcement, Downstream, and website and providing a draft certificate. Membership for Friends of the Fox used to be comped. Rob is no longer on the Board. It was decided that we are complimentary organizations and we will support each other, but we would like an official representative whom Rob said would be Gary Swick. Elizabeth will follow up with Kerry Leigh to get the strategic plan.

New Business

a. Dam Summit: Rob will discuss with FRSG to see if this is a good idea. Follow up in March.

b. Dam Nation film: The Conservation Foundation will provide $150 to help purchase the film at $295. They have printed materials. FREP would help people use and coordinate. Can’t sell tickets but can collect suggested donations. They provide marketing materials. Sierra Club is interested too. Dan ad Rob will watch the movie before further discussion. Katie encourages everyone to watch it. Nancy thought there were local videos from Wisconsin.

Slate of Officers for January 21, 2015 Elections: Katie reported that the slate of candidates is the same as currently. Formerly voted on at the membership meeting.

Fox River Summit 3-20-15: Registration information will be out next month. $35 in Burlington, WI, same place as last year. Fox Chain O’Lakes Health Report by Kathy Paap. Gary Zwick. Rockford Water Trail. How you talk to farmers. International Crane Foundation. CMAP and U.S. EPA. Nancy thinks CMAP should talk about the assistance they’ve provided to Algonquin including ordinance revision and community engagement. Dan suggested that a municipal participant could also speak. Crystal Lake, Prairie Grove, and Oakwood Hills.

2014 Fox River Summit potential new projects update:

a) USGS WaterSMART Grant – Water Budget: FREP was not selected.

b) National Water Trails: Karen reported on the history of the project. The benefits include being listed on the park service website, funding opportunities, and elevating FREP. Must apply for assistance program before apply for designation. We need to submit an application for assistance by August. Katie reported that we can do multiple segments and link them when dams are removed. If we decide to move forward, Karen would organize a committee. Rob moved to have Karen form the Committee. Holly seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Karen passed around a committee sign-up sheet.
9) Watershed Planning and Implementation Activities: Holly stated that Boone-Dutch Creek has a meeting February 12. CMAP is helping South Elgin creating a Unified Development Ordinance. Holly is helping them to look for opportunities to improve water quality. Rob will reach out to South Elgin to encourage them to come to FREP. CMAP, Algonquin and Carpentersville are doing a river corridor plan; the second public workshop is tonight. Fox River priority for 319 implementation.

10) Meeting Program & Noon Network Schedule: March 10th Executive Committee 9 am at Colonial in St. Charles on Randall. March 20 3rd Fox River Summit. April 15 Noon Network: Oakwood Hills Fen Stream Corridor Restoration and Bioinfiltration; Becky will follow up to see if August is better. May 20 Membership Meeting: DeKalb Forest Preserve, Terry Hanon Afton Forest Preserve headwaters of Little Rock Creek in a shelter, Lobbes will follow up. June 17 Noon Network: Fox Valley Park District’s Naturalized Areas as part of a Sports Complex Expansion. July social event: dam nation movie screening? Sierra Club Valley of the Fox chapter might cosponsor.

11) Old Business: None.

12) New Business: Dan asked what role FREP should have in the education and outreach of the FRIP.


Andrea Cline
FREP Secretary