FREP Executive Committee Minutes  5-11-16

Present:  Jeff Mengler, Katie Parkhurst, Nancy Williamson, Rob Linke, Elizabeth Hagen-Moeller, Holly Hudson, Maggie Soliz, Karen Miller, Gary Swick, Becky Hoag

1) Call to Order at 11:10 AM

2) Approval of Minutes for 4-13-16  Parkhurst moved, Williamson seconded.  Approved


4) Discussed that there will be a vote at Membership Meeting to approve Megan Andrews for FREP representative to Fox River Study Group.

5) Review of membership solicitations, promotional/membership materials and ideas – Mengler shared his list of potential members that can get personal notes for membership campaign. Discussion of materials we send out and suggestions for additions, especially to highlight that we showcase consultants’ projects through programs and Noon Networks. Past and potential members will receive a mail packet with info sheet and membership form. EC members will submit a list of people they can contact to Becky by June 1st. Becky will prepare a database of the past and potential members. The packets will be sent out, EC members will receive the spreadsheet, and do email follow-up with the names they have designated as their contacts.

6) Brainstorming for additional funding sources - Discussion of joining forces with Friends of the Fox (FOTF), Fox River Study Group, and Fox Valley Sustainability Network. Most grants are looking for partnerships. Fox Valley Sustainability Network came out of Green Town in Aurora. It grew to include 7 Generations Ahead, and a5, and now is a broader steering committee. Not just Kane County. Now holding quarterly forums. Purpose to look at and encourage sustainability.

Friends of the Fox has new part-time executive director, Gary Mechanic. New project is “Find the Fox” that includes kayak and canoe trips and walking tours. It is culminating with members-only trips, to generate funds for FOTF.

Soliz suggests the link to all the activities of each group on each others’ websites. Need to get FOFR information on events, river clean-ups, etc. Williamson suggests calling it “Fox Pack”. She also shared how Hackmatack did a fundraiser with buying a piece of a puzzle (of the wildlife preserve.)

7) Update to Integrated Management Plan – deferred for future meeting

8) September Meeting plans – TCF Beyond the Basics Conflict – the suggestion is that we forego our meeting, promote the conference, and try and get a booth at the event. Mengler will contact Jennifer Hammer about this.


10) Old Business

   Jelke Subwatershed sign update from Swick. Linke says the stream signs are available through Kane Division of Environmental and Water Resources. So Swick will rethink their own design and try to work with Kane County.

11) New Business - Hudson presented the resolutions to support the 9 Lakes Watershed-Based Plan and the new Boone-Dutch Creek Watershed-Based Plan. It was requested that Executive Committee vote to approve the resolutions, and that Mengler sign them and they be posted on our Subwatershed webpage. Soliz moved, Miller seconded. Approved.

12 Adjournment  Soliz moved, Miller seconded. Adjourned  1:10 PM

Becky Hoag, Acting Secretary