FREP Executive Committee Meeting January 10, 2018 11:00AM The Centre of Elgin

Present: Jeff Mengler, Maggie Soliz, Rob Linke, Nancy Williamson, Becky Hoag, Katie Parkhurst, Cindy Skrukrud, Elizabeth Hagen-Moeller, Trish Beckjord, Katie Meyer

Call to order at 11:04 AM

Approval of Minutes from 11-8-17, Soliz moved, Beckjord seconded. Approved.

Treasurer’s Report: Hagen-Moeller noted future reports will separate membership dues, donations and the Fox River Trail project. Beckjord moved. Williamson seconded. Approved with corrections.

Membership Drive: Hoag said the membership dues of $5668 are close to last year’s. Skrukrud asked if donations could be made through Facebook. Mengler mentioned Facebook stopped charging fees if people donate to a nonprofit. Skrukrud asked about PayPal and Amazon Smiles.

Annual Elections: The slate for the annual election: Mengler for President, Soliz for Vice President, Hagen-Moeller for Treasurer and Meyer for Secretary.

2018 Meetings/Noon Networks Planning: We’re awaiting confirmation on Ben Haberthur from Kane County FPD to speak at the February Noon Network on current invasive species problems. The meeting room is reserved. The April 11 Noon Network needs to be finalized- Max McGraw said a large predator program at their facility can only be run by Stan Gehrt. Steve Byers will see if Gehrt is available. Plan B is to continue the large predator theme with a different speaker and location. Plan C is to hold a program on Fox River watershed herps. Mengler suggested for May 9’s membership program to be at OTTO featuring Carpentersville’s shoreline projects and history. We’re awaiting confirmation from the Fox Valley Park Dist. to host the June 13 program “Wild Good Chase”. Camp Algonquin, LeRoy Oaks and Fabian Parkway were brought up as possible locations for the July FREP picnic.

2018 Film Fest Plans Update: Sponsors for our film Rancher Farmer Fisherman need to be firmed up. FREP has 7-11 possible donors. Tickets are free and this year donations can be made at the door. Hagen-Moeller will talk to the Farm Bureaus to see if any environmental farmer wants to participate. We discussed what refreshments to provide.

Fox River Summit: Since FREP sponsors we are confirming we get a table. The ending Summit discussion will be on the 7 Fox River organizations- what makes them different and how they work together.

Green Infrastructure Campaign: Soliz has tried pursuing the 5 Star Wildlife Foundation. The deadline is January 31. Bluestem Communications is our communications partner.

Subwatershed News: Hagan-Moeller is working on a FREP website contract. The Mill Creek Watershed plans may need specific hour amounts. CMAP is helping to fund the plans. Skrukrud said Silver Creek is applying for green energy watershed grants for sites with ongoing restoration efforts.

FREP Banner: Williamson has a new source. Banner needs to be ready by March (Film Festival).

New Business: Trish Beckjord has replaced Dan Lobbes as Water Resources Advisor. Removed from Ex Officio (non-voting members) was Tim Pollowy and Janice Hill. Hill was kept on the list and changed to the non-voting title of Agriculture Resource.

Adjournment: 12:47 PM. Minutes taken by Katie Meyer