FREP Executive Committee Meeting Minutes, Sept. 12, 2018, Algonquin Ganek Municipal Center

Present: Jeff Mengler, Becky Hoag, Maggie Soliz, Holly Hudson, Nancy Williamson, Trish Beckjord, Rob Linke, Cindy Skrukrud & Katie Meyer.

1) Call to Order at 11:15am by Mengler.

2) Approved Minutes from 5-9-18, Soliz moved, Linke seconded. Approved.

3) Hoag provided treasurer’s report which was reviewed (copy attached). Soliz moved, Williamson seconded. Approved.

4) FREP Membership Annual Dues – Hoag gave the memberships update and explained if someone provides annual dues twice within 12 months they are asked if the 2nd payment would like to be a donation to FREP.

5) Fox River Water Trail Update – Mengler announced our website now has a special feature “Tales from the Trail: The Fox River Adventure of Chuck Roberts & Charlie Zine, 200 miles, 9 days, July 2018” and the WI Fox River group received a grant to do a new logo & website for the trail.

6) Fox River Study Group Update – Skrukrud presented the update. Modeling work continues with Geosyntec Consultants so it can simulate realities like the results of lower phosphate levels and damn removals. Waste water treatment facilities have new regulations for lowering their phosphate levels by 2022 and the requirement will be .5ppm or lower by 2030. The 4year oxygen studies continue in the river in Algonquin and will end in October. The Army Corp. & DNR damn removal report is 50% completed.

7) 2018 Meetings/Noon Networks Planning – Mengler reviewed the partnership meetings and noon networks on the schedule. For October’s Noon Network we will be meeting at the preserve parking lot instead of the Kendall Courthouse. For November’s Membership Meeting & Program Beckjord will look for a proper space to hold the meeting. We will meet at Bleu Root in West Dundee for our December holiday gathering. Ideas were exchanged for 2019’s schedule.

8) Fox River Watershed Council Update- The 7 Fox River watershed groups (3 in WI, 4 in IL) met in person and had a conference call meeting during the summer to continue the discussion on: how they communicate information with one another, how they work together and what makes each organization unique. September 15th Algonquin is having their annual “It’s Our River Day”. Mengler asked if we could have other “It’s Our River Day” events along the river. Skrukrud added it is also IL Riverway Water Clean Up week.

9) RainReady- On June 27th Mengler, Soliz, Miller, Jessica Minos and Meyer met with Dawn Walker from the Center for Neighborhood Technology to learn more about their RainReady program that assists neighborhoods and homeowners with stormwater run-off issues. FREP may want to set up another meeting to learn more about what makes RainReady different than other programs.

10) Subwatershed News – Hudson said the Mill Creek Watershed project received a grant for outreach work. CMAP has posters and postcards with information on the website (which mentions FREP as a partner with a link to FREP’s website) and project. They are reaching out for public input. CMAP is hosting a public open house for the project at Peck Farm September 27, 4:30-7pm.

Motion to adjourn at 12:51pm. Beckjord moved. Linke seconded.

Minutes taken by Katie Meyer, FREP Secretary