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

Present: Jeff Mengler, Cindy Skrukrud, Ben Mason, Laura Keefer, Kathy Paap, Gary Swick, Margy Mechanic, Stacy Meyers, Domenico d’Allesandro, Mike Prusila, Rob Linke, Maggie Soliz, Katie Meyer, Trish Beckjord, Nancy Williamson, Dennis Leo, Michele Zimmerman, Tim Wilson, Rob Bowman, Art Malm, Rishab Mahajan, Jennifer Becker, Dan Lobbes, Joanna Colletti, Beth Penesis, Sue Glavan, Eva Kiss, Holly Hudson, Ed Weskerna, Brian Vansky, John Grothewdick, 2 others from State Water Survey

Call to Order: 1:10 PM by Mengler

Approval of Minutes from 5-9-18: Passed

Treasurer’s Report: The Treasurer’s Report was provided and reviewed. Soliz moved, Linke seconded. Approved.

FREP Membership Annual Dues Update/Follow-up: Mengler shared that a few outstanding dues were currently being followed up on, but we are happy to be close to the same number of members as last year.

Fox River Water Trail Update: Mengler announced our website 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.

Fox River Study Group Update: Will be shared in the program to follow.

2019 Meetings/Noon Networks Planning: Mengler reviewed the partnership meetings and noon networks on the schedule and said many were currently being planned for the coming year. Suggests are always welcome.

Fox River Watershed Council: 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.

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.

Subwatershed News: Hudson shared that there is a Mill Creek Watershed Open House at Peck Farm September 27, 4:30-7pm. FREP will be posting updates for the planning on the new Mill Creek webpage on the FREP website.

Old Business: One Earth Film Festival Screening at Waubonsee Community College Downtown Aurora – March 4, 2019

New Business: There was no New Business

Adjournment: At 1:30 PM Beckjord moved. Linke seconded.

Program: Update on the Fox River Water Quality Trends Analysis

Laura Keefer, head of the Watershed Science Section at the Illinois State Water Survey (ISWS), Illinois State Hydrologist

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