

Fox River Ecosystem Partnership
Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, January 19, 2011
Hawthorne Hills Nature Center, Elgin

Present: Becky Hoag, Tim Pollowy, Elizabeth Hagen-Moller, Kerry Leigh, Katie Parkhurst, Nancy Schumm, Karen Miller (12:15), and Rob Linke (12:30).

President Pollowy called the meeting to order at 11:20 AM.

Minutes from November 17, 2010- Leigh made a motion to approve the November 17, 2010 minutes and Hagen-Moller seconded. Pollowy noted that McGlynn is spelled with two n's at the end. Voice vote noted all ayes, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report—Hoag had not received an updated report from Pettit prior to the meeting. Schumm inquired as to how the articles of incorporation and bylaws were written if dues are tax deductible. This could be a marketing idea if they are tax deductible. Hoag stated she needs the final membership update from Pettit, and then executive committee can follow up with those that have not renewed.

Election Slate—Pollowy announced that Miller has selected a slate of officers. Pollowy thanked Hoag for assisting him this past year and this coming year since he has been very busy with work. The change in treasurer will involve a new address for FREP and working with a new bank, Bardol and Pettit will work together to make the transition smooth. The slate of officers is: Tim Pollowy, President; Kerry Leigh, Vice President; Nancy Schumm-Burgess, Secretary; and Matt Bardol, treasurer.

Ecosystem Administrator report—Hoag reported on three items that Williamson provided. CMAP Go To 2040 is accepting applications for Local Technical Assistance (applications due January 28th). Leigh inquired about FREP applying for this technical assistance to start a green infrastructure plan for the watershed. After discussion it was decided that there is not enough time to get partners involved; however, this is an idea if CMAP offers this grant again in the future.

Chicago Retrofit Ramp-Up Program (CR3)-BetterBuildings Initiative is a new program, Hoag has details if anyone is interested.

Connecting Communities-Trails, Open Spaces, Parks and Natural Areas Symposium—Hoag announced this symposium is January 26th at the Chicago State University Library.

Committee Reports—Parkhurst announced that she is working on getting the Government Relations Committee active. They will try to let FREP members know, through the Downstream newsletter, of important legislation. Executive Committee suggested reestablishing a relationship with the Lt. Governor's office, since many of the State environmental programs have come from that office. Also, the Government Relations Committee should contact the state legislators to see if they would like to receive the Downstream newsletter, especially those legislators that have attended the Conversations.

Hagen-Moller reported that she is finalizing the educational component for the rain garden project. Leigh asked if this could be emailed to the FREP Executive Committee. This will be put on a resource CD once all elements of the rain garden grant are complete. Hagen-Moller hopes to do a teacher workshop and a FREP program of the final material.

Fox River Magazine - Preserve the Fox Website Project—The Conservation Foundation received a grant from the Donnelley Foundation to move forward with this project. Suggestions of people to interview for

the magazine are needed. Hoag has the website up (www.preservethefox.org) and is looking for more information to put on it. Please let Hoag know why the Fox River is special to you.

CMAP-IEPA 319 Subwatershed Project—Hoag reported that all four watershed groups are meeting and the watershed plans are moving forward. The FREP website is up-to-date with information on each watershed's activities.

Kane County Rain Garden Initiative— Leigh shared the draft display on rain gardens that Lynda Wallis created. After discussion, Leigh has comments to take back to Wallis. The display needs to be a little more educational and focus on rain gardens improving water quality and reducing water run-off.

Doohaluk (Hey & Associates) is working on finalizing the infiltration study of rain gardens and the report should be finished shortly.

Hagen-Moller is finishing up the curriculum and will work with Hoag to complete the educational materials and resource CD to be produced.

Noon Networks and Future Meetings—Leigh suggested that CMAP be a speaker at a future meeting. Schumm noted that FREP needs a work plan so the group has clear direction. Leigh suggested a brainstorming meeting for projects, timelines, and funding that will help FREP move forward. The brainstorming meeting could be the March program.

Old Business—Bylaws will be discussed at the next meeting.

Adjourned—at 12:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Parkhurst
FREP Secretary