

Present: Jeff Mengler, Elizabeth Hagen-Moeller, Holly Hudson, Nancy Williamson, Karen Ann Miller, Trish Beckjord, Maggie Soliz, Cindy Skrukrud, Nancy Cox, Becky Hoag,

Call to order: Jeff Mengler 11:10 a.m.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from 1/9/19 Soliz moved. Miller seconded. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report & Budget Review: Hagen-Moeller presented the latest financial statement. Cash balance as of 4/30/19 is \$4,213.92. She noted that the Fiscal Year is July 1 to June 30. Treasurer's report approved. Mengler discussed the need for a 2019-20 Budget and the draft budget was presented and discussed. Motion to approve budget by Miller. Second by Hudson. Budget approved.

Trail funding is passing through FREP and \$10,000 coming from various entities to cover the distribution of 50,000 new brochures in northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin, including Chicago and Milwaukee. Miller stated they are waiting for contract for final cost of distribution. Hagen-Moeller will be collecting the funds and paying the contractor.

FREP is reaching the max of the current Constant Contact plan (500 contacts) and need to upgrade to the next level. Hoag will be paying the monthly fee and receive a 50% discount to increase max to 2500 contacts. Fee is an additional \$100 (currently \$181). The \$100 increase was approved. FREP should now try and grow the contact list to make use of the increased level. We can't just add random lists without approval from the contact, but we should look for new contacts through Subwatershed groups and trail contacts.

FREP Membership Annual Dues Mailing: FY20 starts July 1. Hoag will send out the annual dues mailing in June. Mengler and Hoag will update letter used last year. We continue to need to grow our membership. Let's remember to recruit!

Fox River Summit and One Earth Film Fest Recap: "The Human Element" @ Waubensee received a good turnout. Whom else to invite? Our co-sponsors are on board for next year. The date would be Monday, March 9, 2020.

The 7th annual Fox River Summit was wonderful. Next year we should promote FREP more and get more involved and provide a \$150 sponsorship. Good discussion about farmland issues, HEALTHY SOIL, and bringing this issue forward in our watershed.

Grand Victoria letter of intent: Mengler will submit a letter of intent asking for \$30,500, for a green infrastructure education campaign, which is revised from what FREP submitted 2 years ago.

Fabulous Fox Water Trail: New developing website with more info. Miller shared the new brochures. Need to educate the public. Reaching out to diverse groups. More to come.

Fox River Study Group Update: Our rep, Andrews, shared her report via email before the meeting. Asking Springfield for money for clean water infrastructure.

2019 Meetings/Noon networks Planning: Currently working to confirm topics and locations for upcoming meetings. Mengler is working with Gary Mechanic and Gary Swick of Friends of the Fox River to plan the July paddling event, which will take the place of our annual picnic. Discussed best locations for the September 11 meeting program and parking issues/plans at Batavia High School for the Pollinator Garden Noon Network on October 9. Will firm up directions/plans for the June 12 Bioreactor Noon Network.

Subwatershed News: Hudson shared that Mill Creek Watershed planning is ongoing. Reviving a Blackberry Creek group is in planning stage.

Adjournment: 1 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by Nancy Cox, Secretary