

FREP Membership Meeting Minutes, Jan 11, 2023, 1pm; The Centre, Elgin

Present: Paul Anderson, Gary Swick, Jim Enck, Elly Flemming, Nancy A. Cox, Gloria Klimek, Julie Long, Rob Linke, Karen Ann Miller, Holly Hudson, Cindy Skrukud, Nancy Williamson, Dan Lobbes. (Chris Kious for the program)

Called to Order at 1:11pm by Jeff Mengler

Approval of Minutes from 11.9.22; Update to include Gloria Klimek to those present at the meeting. Nancy/Paul. Passed.

Treasurer's Report & Membership Drive Update: Received 2022 EOY Financial Statement

Officer Elections. Karen Ann Miller presented the Slate: President - Jeff Mengler; Vice President - Nancy Williamson; Secretary - Lucas King; Treasurer - Elizabeth Hagen-Moeller; Does not need a motion since it comes from the Executive Committee. Slate approved by voice vote.

Fox River Study Group – renewal of Alyse Olson as the FREP representative. Previously approved at 1.11.23 Executive Committee meeting. Note: She is also representing FRSG on the Illinois River Study Group board.

FREP Visioning Work - Lucas King

The Executive Committee is continuing its work of reviewing the original "Integrated Management Plan for the Fox River Watershed in Illinois". Executive Committee meetings open should any FREP members wish to attend and membership will be brought into the visioning process in the next steps first through online surveys and contribution opportunities.

2023 Meetings/Noon Networks/Activities/Planned & Proposed Programs:

- February 8, 2023 Bistate Mussel Study Results – speaker remote – hybrid Zoom and in-person at Prairieview
- March 9, 2023 One Earth Film Festival, Thursday evening, Film: Going Circular, at WCC-Aurora
- March 16, 2023 Fox River Summit, Thursday; Burlington, WI
- April 12, 2023 FREP Noon Network
- May 10, 2023 FREP Membership Meeting & Program: Invasive Snail Program - potentially at Geneva Public Library
- June 14, 2023 FREP Noon Network: Field trip to a C2000 project
- July 2023 FREP Annual Picnic: suggested Pingree Grove FP
- August 9, 2023 FREP Noon Network: Belrose Farm TCF Program
- September 13, 2023 Membership Meeting: Environmental Justice Program
- October 11, 2023 Noon Network: Lily Lake Oil Spill Cleanup
- November 8, 2023 Membership Meeting: Bats

Subwatershed News – Holly Hudson

Finishing up Indian Creek plan. BMPs are coming together. Hoping to be completed within ~3 months.

Tyler Creek Watershed Coalition is meeting monthly - facilitating education/outreach with stakeholders in hopes of starting process of updating plan (established 2008)

Flint Creek and Spring Creek coalition groups are meeting April 20th in Barrington.

Note from Cindy Skrukud: Boone-Dutch Creek Alliance has begun meeting again.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Adjournment to Program, 1:27pm

Submitted by Lucas King, FREP Secretary

Program: What our Fox River Watershed Partners are focusing on in 2023 and beyond:

Fox River Study Group (Cindy Skrukud); Fox River Study Group (Gary Swick); Friends of Hackmatack National Wildlife Refuge (Nancy Williamson); The Fabulous Fox! River Trail (Karen Miller); The Conservation Foundation (Dan Lobbes)