

FREP Executive Committee Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2022, 11 AM; Remote - Microsoft Teams

Members Present: Officers: President Jeff Mengler, Vice President Nancy Williamson, Secretary Carolyn Campbell, Treasurer Elizabeth Hagen-Moller, Advisors: Holly Hudson - Lakes, Rob Linke - Conservation Design, Karen Ann Miller - National Water Trails Initiative, Alyse Olson - Rep. Fox River Study Group Members at Large: Maggie Soliz, Ex-officio: Becky Hoag, Visitor: Lucas King - Secretary-elect

1) Called to Order at 11:09 by Jeff Mengler

2) Approval of Minutes from 11.10.2021

Motion to approve 11.10.21 minutes by Nancy. Second by Karen. Motion Approved.

3) Treasurer's Report

Statement of Cash Flows for the period 11.1.21 - 12.31.21 was presented.

Total Revenues came to \$775 which included a combination of \$575 in membership dues and a \$200 donation. Total Net Expenses of \$1080 were reported which represent compensation for communication management expenses.

Ending Cash Balance totaled \$9977.20 which are designated as follows: Fox River Trail - \$3774.00 and FREP - \$6203.20.

Total 2021 financials a bit down YOY with regard to dues, but there may be some still coming in or deposited.

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report by Maggie. Second by Rob. Motion Approved.

4) FREP Annual Membership Drive for 2021-22 Update

A few more have come in. Some new members are balancing out past members who have not responded to inquiries. Becky will send a list of potential renewal members to Jeff and Nancy and they will discern between themselves who is the best individual to reach out to these individuals/agencies.

5) Annual Elections:

Karen will present the following slate of Executive Committee Members to the Membership for election at its 11.12.22 meeting. She will invite other nominations from the floor.

Officers: Jeff Mengler, President; Nancy Williamson, Vice President; Elizabeth Hagen-Moeller, Treasurer; Lucas King, Secretary

6) Proposal to keep Carolyn Campbell on Executive Committee as a voting Member at Large

Motion to appoint Carolyn as a member at large by Karen. Second by Maggie. Motion Approved.

7) Upcoming Meetings/Noon Networks/Activities:

Feb. 9, 2022 Noon Network via Zoom: Legislative Update with Jack Darin, Sierra Club and Eliot Clay, Illinois Environmental Council
Ask them to add into the conversation advice/details about incorporating green infrastructure projects into federal, state, and local funding opportunities including the potential Build Back Better funds.

March 17, 2022 Fox River Summit

Jeff and Tom Slawski are working on various ideas for presenters - Jeff shared some of the ideas with the Committee. More details forthcoming as speakers are confirmed. Planning committee is meeting this Thursday. Keynote: Chloride in Groundwater - John Jansen, geologist
EC had conversation about how to help local partners figure out and find ways to incorporate watershed plans into project planning and how to access federal infrastructure dollars that will be coming through the state.

One Earth Film Festival March 2022- our hosting will be remote

Becky will email EC and our usual partners regarding potential to co-sponsor opportunity and the associated costs

Motion - to provide \$100 co-sponsorship (Holly motion, Karen second) Motion approved

April 13, 2022 Noon Network COP26 – What was accomplished? A local perspective. Gary Cuneen (confirmed), and Its Our Future Students who attended.

April 22, 2022 Earth Day – encourage communities and groups to plan activities and share for FREP to publicize

May 11, 2022 Membership Meeting/Program: Regional Climate Action Plan & Local Communities Edith Makra, Metropolitan Mayors Caucus (confirmed) and others – Geneva Mayor Kevin Burns, and/or Batavia Alderman Abby Beck (confirmed)

June 8, 2022 Noon Network Blanding's Turtles Local Recovery Efforts; Gary Glowacki (LCFD), Bill Glaser (FPDKC), and Cindy Jablonski (MCCD)
This is likely being moved later in the year in order to accommodate presenter schedules, but presenters were excited about the opportunity.

July 13, 2022 Picnic - location suggestions welcomed.

August 10, 2022 Noon Network – Urban Stream Research Center Tour, Blackwell Forest Preserve, Warrenville, Forest Preserve Dist. of DuPage.

September 14, 2022 Membership Meeting/Program: Online Kane County Drainage Mapping, Rob Linke

September 17, 2022 It's our River Day – find and promote more events

October 12, 2022 Noon Network: Bistate Fox River Mussel Study Results

November 9, 2022 Membership Meeting/Program: Climate Resiliency in our Fox River Communities, Sarah Voska (Bluestem), Holly Jones (NIU)?

December 14, 2022 Holiday gathering

Other ideas - send directly to Jeff

8) Fabulous Fox! Water Trail Update - Karen Miller

Core development team is meeting monthly. Applied through Kane County for American Rescue Plan funds - waiting to hear back. Printing and distributing brochures for 2022 paddling season. Working on printing and posting signage. Would like any guidance or advice for sign printers members can provide. Working on application for national park service water trail designation. There were some changes in the program. Still wading through the application process and some of the newer requirement changes - such as land manager position and "large" gaps in trail system. Giving update at The Conservation Foundation meeting Feb 9. Inviting new members to join Core Development Team. Next meeting is Feb 1, 2022, 1pm

9) Subwatershed News – Holly Hudson

Indian Creek Plan is wrapping up field work for resource inventory - couple sections of stream still to do and detention basin assessments. Rolling out public education piece hopefully by March. Trying to wrap up by end of June. Hopefully moving then to Tyler Creek update - more news available on this in February

10) Fox River Watershed Science Fair Update No update

11) Old and Ongoing Business

No additional old or ongoing business

12) New Business

No additional new business

13) Adjournment at 12:50pm

Motion Rob Second Holly, Approved

Minutes Submitted by Lucas King, Secretary-Elect