

FREP Executive Committee Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, May 11, 2022, 11am, Geneva Public Library

Members Present: Officers: President Jeff Mengler, Secretary Lucas King, Treasurer Elizabeth Hagen-Moller

Advisors: Holly Hudson - Lakes Advisor, Rob Linke - Conservation Design Advisor, Jessica Mino - Water Resources Advisor, Karen Ann Miller - National Water Trails Initiative Advisor, Alyse Olson - Rep. Fox River Study Group; Members at Large: Maggie Soliz, Carolyn Campbell
Becky Hoag, Communications Manager

1) Called to Order at 11:07 by Jeff Mengler

2) Approval of Minutes from 1/12/22

Motion: Carolyn Campbell, Second, Maggie Soliz. Approved

3) Treasurer's Report

a) YTD Treasurer's Report

Some income from CMAP and membership dues. Some expenses sponsoring One Earth Film Festival and the holiday social event. Cash flow report provided to EC.

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report: Karen Ann Miller, Second Holly Hudson. Approved.

b) Budget for 2022-23 (FY23, starting July 2, 2022)

Motion to approve FY23 Budget as proposed: Karen Ann Miller, Carolyn Campbell. Approved.

4) FREP Annual Membership Drive for 2022-2023 - to be sent out in June

- a) Will send out to members a summary letter advising what FREP has accomplished over the past year along with the ask to re-up membership for next year. Discussed additional municipalities who we will intentionally reach out to for 2023 membership. Also, discussed sharing specific, tangible organizational benefits/value, to governmental entities and nonprofits within the membership letter.
- b) Related conversation: what is the ongoing role of FREP to continue to promote watershed plans and building/maintaining connections with the staff of Fox River communities? What is our mission focus and how will we live into that mission?
- c) Before our next meeting, Maggie and Becky will work on developing a database of municipal staff and stakeholders within the Fox River Watershed with cross-reference to what communities have signed on to the Regional Climate Action Plan.
- d) We will create space in our next meetings to continue the conversations about mission, purpose, and activities.

5) Upcoming Meetings/Noon Networks/Activities:

- May 11, 2022 Membership Meeting/Program
 - Regional Climate Action Plan & Local Communities Edith Makra, Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, Geneva Mayor Kevin Burns, and Batavia Alderman Abby Beck (all confirmed)
 - New Geneva Public Library, 227 S 7th Street, Geneva, IL
- June 8, 2022 Noon Network
 - Online Kane County Stormwater & Drainage Maps - Rob Linke
 - Kane County Government Center, Auditorium, Geneva, IL
- July 13, 2022 Picnic, 3pm - Carl Hansen Woods, Cook Co FPD, Rt 59
 - Rick McAndless suggested: Carl Hansen Woods between Hoffman Estates & Elgin. A site within the Forest Preserves of Cook County with a 32 year old prairie and oak woodland restoration that he's been involved with. Also an Illinois Nature Preserve on the site that is a gravel kame (Shoe Factory Road NP). He'd be happy to lead a tour. Shelter/Pavilion available, need to be reserved
- August 10, 2022 Noon Network – Urban Stream Research Center Tour
 - Blackwell Forest Preserve, Warrenville, Forest Preserve Dist. of DuPage County
 - Joe Limpers, Jim Intihar, DuPage Co FPD (confirmed)
- September 14, 2022 Membership Meeting/Program
 - Blanding's turtle local recovery efforts
 - Bill Graser (Kane Co FPD) and Dan Thompson (DuPage Co FPD)(confirmed)
 - Belding Lodge, Brewster Creek FP, Rt 25, St Charles, IL (confirmed)
- September 17, 2022 It's our River Day – find and promote more events
- October 12, 2022 Noon Network
 - Other ideas discussed.

- November 9, 2022 Membership Meeting/Program
 - Climate Resiliency in our Fox River Communities Sarah Voska (Bluestem), Holly Jones (NIU)? Other ideas discussed.
 - December 14, 2022 Holiday gathering - TBD
- Where are we advertising these programs? Karen - Kane County Connects, Jeff - Environmental Defenders of McHenry Co, Fox River Study Group, Friends of the Fox River, and share with partners via email, in addition to FREP Downstream, web page, and Facebook page.

6) Fabulous Fox! River Water Trail Update (Karen Ann Miller)

- Working to get application ready for submission by November 1 - working on management plan which is the final major part of the application.
- Kane County is looking at funding and hiring a marketing consultant that can promote the trail through a marketing plan.
- Waiting to hear back from Kane County regarding grant application for funding from American Rescue Plan money that the County received.
- Printing 10,000 brochures for 2022 paddling season
- Finalized access site signage: sign with river map at each access point (including safety tips and QR code for website) as well as mile markers
- Still looking for access sites for a couple runs of river, notably to fill in a 20-mile gap in LaSalle County..

7) Subwatershed News (Holly Hudson)

- Indiana Creek Watershed Plan
 - Process of finishing WRI: stream physical conditions mapping, stormwater detention basin assessment mapping, and pollutant load estimates for current and future projected land uses are being finalized.
 - Creating public outreach platform for sharing concerns and BMPs

8) Adjournment Adjourned 12:52pm

Submitted by Lucas King, FREP Secretary