

FREP Business Meeting Minutes, January 8, 2020, The Centre, Elgin, Illinois

Business Meeting

Call to Order at 1:08 PM

Jeff Mengler introduced FREP and its 23-year history, noting that the organization has been responsible for securing over \$10 million in grants for the Fox River watershed.

Business Agenda

Vote to approve Minutes from 11-13-19. Moved by Nancy Williamson, second by Trish Beckjord. Approved

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Hagen-Moeller explained that FREP is funded primarily by dues and thanked current members for their support. The major expenses for FREP are related to communications, including a communications manager, Becky Hoag. FREP is currently acting as a fiscal agent for the Fox River Water Trail initiative.

Vote to approve Treasurer's Report. Motion by Dan Lobbes, second by Karen Miller.

Elections

Karen Miller, as a past president, led the group through the election process. Thanked current office holders and read the slate of new officers.

SLATE: Jeff Mengler, President; Nancy Williamson, Vice President; Elizabeth Hagen-Moeller, Treasurer; Carolyn Campbell, Secretary.

Vote to approve slate of new candidates was approved by voice vote. There were no dissenting votes.

Fox Water Trail Update

Karen Miller discussed efforts to work with the National Park Service over the past several years on creating a water trail for the Fox River. Five open houses were held last spring for public input on draft maps. Site visits were held to address comments and update maps as needed. Have been working on itineraries which will include various trail options with information on amenities, portage capabilities, etc. These will be included on the interactive website that is already up and running. Working on the final management plan to be submitted to the National Park Service.

Sub Watershed News

FREP provided outreach and information as part of the sub-watershed team for Mill Creek. Signed with CMAP to serve the same role with Indian Creek. Ultimate goal is to develop an official EPA approved action plan that would qualify for 319 grants under the Clean Water Act and to have this ready to put into action as needed.

Vote to adjourn meeting. Motion by Trish Beckjord, second by Becky Hoag. Approved.

Adjournment 1:32 PM

Minutes submitted by Carolyn Campbell, Secretary