

FREP Membership Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2022, 1PM, Remote - Zoom

Present: Jeff Mengler, Mark Phipps, Rob Linke, Scott Kuykendall, Karen Miller, Brad Earnest, Alyse Olson, Andrea Podraza, Becky Hoag, Lucas King, Carolyn Campbell, Erica Lemon, Ernesto Huaracha, Greg Chismark, Holly Hudson, Kate Green, Kim Hansen, Maggie Soliz, Matthew Asselmeier, Mia Gerace, Mikala Larson, Paul Anderson, Elizabeth Hagen-Moeller, Thomas Meitl

1) **Called to Order** at 1:04pm by Jeff Mengler

2) **Approval of Minutes from 11.10.21** Motion: Rob/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. Motion to accept Treasurer's Report by Carolyn. Second by Holly. Motion Approved.

4) **FREP Annual Membership Drive Update:** Have met last year's membership. Following up with some who have not renewed yet and some new potential members.

5) **Annual Elections:** Karen Miller (past - past president) presented the following slate of officers to the membership for election. She invited other nominations from the floor. Officers: Jeff Mengler, President; Nancy Williamson, Vice President; Elizabeth Hagen-Moeller, Treasurer; Lucas King, Secretary. Membership voted and approved the slate of officers.

6) Upcoming Meetings/Noon Networks/Activities:

Feb. 9, 2022 Noon Network – Zoom Legislative Update with Jack Darin, Sierra Club and Elliot Clay, Illinois Environmental Council

March 17, 2022 Fox River Summit - presentation suggestions

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 Batavia Alderwoman Abby Beck (confirmed)

June 8, 2022 Noon Network Blanding's Turtles Local Recovery Efforts - will be moved to another month. Gary Glowacki (LCFD), Bill Glaser (FPDKC), and Cindy Jablonski (MCCD)

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 County - this may be moved to another month.

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

7) **Fox River Water Trail Update** Core development team is meeting monthly. Applied through Kane County for American Rescue Plan funds - awaiting 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. Giving update at The Conservation Foundation meeting Feb 9. Inviting new members to join Core Development Team. Next meeting is Feb 1, 1pm. Core Development Team is meeting monthly. Working on printing and distributing brochures for 2022 season. Working on signage in response to requirements for national trail designation application. 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 updates on the water trail to The Conservation Foundation. Looking for new members/partners to join in the work. Next Meeting 2/1/22. *From 1/3/22 Downstream Newsletter:*

8) **Subwatershed News** - Indian Creek Watershed Plan - Holly Hudson

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 Plan Update - more news available on this in February.

9) **Fox River Watershed Science Fair:** No update.

10) **Old Business**

Executive Committee Members are Advisors for the following:

Holly Hudson – Lakes; Rob Linke - Conservation Design; Jessica Mino - Water Resources; Elizabeth Hagen-Moeller – Education; Jeff Mengler – Habitat; Nancy Williamson - Friends of Hackmatack National Wildlife Refuge; Karen Ann Miller - National Water Trail Initiative; Alyse Olson - Rep. to Fox River Study Group.

Members at Large: Maggie Soliz, Cindy Skrukrud, Carolyn Campbell. Ex Officio: Becky Hoag, Bill Donnell

11) **New Business** None

12) **Adjournment** at 1:26pm to move into program.

Program:

Panel Discussion - Local Government's Approach to Meeting the Evolving Stormwater Requirements in the State's NPDES / MS4 Program

Rob Linke, P.E., Kane County Dept of Environmental & Water Resources

Scott Kuykendall, LEED AP BD+C, McHenry County Water Resources

Mark Phipps, P.E., City of Aurora Public Works Department

Minutes Submitted by Lucas King, Secretary