

FREP Membership Meeting Minutes: November 10, 2021 – Batavia Government Center.

Meeting called to order by President Jeff Mengler at 1:06 pm.

Present: Jeff Mengler, Nancy Williamson, Becky Hoag, Karen Miller, Carolyn Campbell, Alyse Olson, Rob Linke, Nancy Cox, Paul Anderson, Dave Evans, Erica Lemon, Andrea Podraza, Steve Matravers, Lucas King, Matt Drabik, Mary Seegers, Art Malm, Mrs. Malm, Kyle Hamman.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve minutes from 9/8/21, by Miller, Second by Linke. Minutes approved.

Treasurer Report: Statement of Cash Flows for the period 9/1/21 – 10/31/21 was presented. Total Revenues came to \$1,675.98 which is made up entirely of Membership Dues. Total Net Expenses of \$1,090.00 were reported and accounts primarily for communication management expenses. Ending Cash Balance totaled \$10,282.20 distributed as follows: Fox River Trail - \$3,774.00 and FREP - \$6,508.20.

Annual Membership Drive: Renewals are on track with last year. Efforts to reach organizations that still need to renew are underway. Members were asked to assist with this process if possible.

2021-2022 Meetings/Noon Networks: President Mengler reviewed the upcoming events. The Holiday Gathering in December will take place outdoors around a large bon fire at the residence of Executive Committee Member Rob Linke. Everyone should look to the Downstream Newsletter for further details.

January 12, 2022 (Membership Meeting): Elections for the Executive Committee members. Program - new changes to the NPDES/ MS4 program requirements and how local agencies are responding. Meeting will be held at The Centre in Elgin.

February 9, 2022 (Noon Network): Legislative Update with Jack Darin, Sierra Club and Elliot Clay, Illinois Environmental Council. Virtual.

March 2022:

Fox River Summit. The hope is to be back in-person with the meeting currently scheduled for Thursday, March 17 at Veterans Terrace in Burlington, WI. The program is still being developed and more information will be available as we get closer to March.

One Earth Film Festival: President Mengler spoke to the tremendous international impact at last year's film screening and the challenges of maintaining that global reach while also getting back together in-person. The year is likely to be a hybrid event. The schedule through June is as follows:

April 13, 2022 (Noon Network)

May 11, 2022 (FREP Membership Meeting/Program)

June 8, 2022 (Noon Network)

Fabulous Fox! Water Trail: Executive Committee Member Karen Miller noted that the requirements for designation as a National Water Trail have changed and the application will need to be adjusted accordingly. The goal is to submit the final application in 2022 with awards being announced the following June (2023). Additional improvements to signage, access points, and amenities, and increased education and awareness will be implemented as funding becomes available. Information can be found at fabulousfoxwatertrail.org or members can access the link through FREP's newsletter.

Sub Watershed News: No report.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 1:18 pm.

Membership Meeting Program: Free the Fox with Art Malm

Minutes submitted by Carolyn Campbell, FREP Secretary