

FREP Membership Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, May 11, 2022, 1pm, Geneva Public Library

Present: Jeff Mengler, Lucas King, Elizabeth Hagen-Moller, Holly Hudson, Rob Linke, Jessica Mino, Karen Ann Miller, Alyse Olson, Maggie Soliz, Carolyn Campbell, Becky Hoag, Abby Beck, Linda Sonner, Laura Newman, Sue Harney, Lamar Owings, Paul Anderson, Edith Makra

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

2) Approval of Minutes from 1/12/22 Motion: Karen Miller, Seconded, Holly Hudson. Approved

3) Accept Treasurer's Report Motion: Maggie Soliz, Seconded, Karen Miller. Approved.

4) Budget for FY23 Presented (approved by EC 5/11/22)

5) FREP Annual Membership Drive Update

2022-2023 drive beginning soon with particular focus on participation of all river/watershed communities.

6) Upcoming Meetings/Noon Networks/Activities:

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

7) 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.

8) Subwatershed News (Holly Hudson)

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

9) Adjournment Adjourned 1:29pm

Submitted by Lucas King, FREP Secretary