

FREP Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2023 11 AM
Algonquin Public Works Facility

Present: Jeff Mengler, Nancy Williamson, Carolyn Cambell, Sue Glavan, Eva Kiss, Holly Hudson, Rob Linke, Alyse Olson, Lucas King

AGENDA

1. Call to Order - Jeff Mengler 11:09am
2. Approval of Minutes from 5-10-23
 - a. Motion to approve, by Holly Hudson, seconded by Rob Linke. Approved unanimously.
3. Treasurer Report and Update– Jeff Mengler
 - a. Motion to accept Treasurer’s Report as presented by Lucas King, seconded by Nancy Williamson. Approved unanimously.
 - b. Note: a special election will occur at the next Membership Meeting to elect as co-treasurers: Sue Glavin and Eva Kiss of Fox Metro Water Reclamation Dist. per FREP Bylaws Article V, Section 2.
 - c. Welcome, Sue & Eva to the FREP Executive Committee, and thank you!
4. Membership update for 2023-24
 - a. So far the response rate is at about 60% of last year. Jeff and Becky will start following up with those who have not yet renewed and reaching out to prospective new members.
5. Resolution to name new Registered Agent
 - a. Whereas the Executive Committee is authorized to manage the general affairs of the corporation acting in the manner of a Board of Directors,
 - b. Whereas the previous registered agent for the Fox River Ecosystem Partnership, Elizabeth Hagen-Moeller, is now deceased,
 - c. Whereas the Executive Committee must name a new registered agent in order to be in compliance with Illinois state law,
 - d. Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Executive Committee of the Fox River Ecosystem Partnership names as its registered agent Kat Gerdts using the address of 2315 Dean St # 100, St. Charles, IL 60175 for an indefinite term with periodic review for her willingness to continue in the role.
 - e. Motion to approve the resolution Lucas King, Seconded by Rob Linke, Approved unanimously.
6. Jeff Mengler informed that he is filing necessary forms: registered agent form and nonprofit form with IL SOS, IRS, and for CAGE/SAM renewal. There is confusion about what forms need to be filed when and what documentation is necessary for each filing. We will endeavor to create a checklist for future years to simplify the process and minimize confusion.
7. Fox River Study Group Update
 - a. USACE released their draft report: Fox River Connectivity and Habitat Study. Open for public comment until Nov 6. USACE is holding three community

meetings in September (meeting will also include IDNR and FRSG). Cindy and Alyse have sent EC members details via email. Additional communications and social media advertising information will be released by FRSG shortly. Report summary: Corps study recommends removal of 9 dams.

- b. Annual Meeting Nov 9 (9am-12pm) @ The Center (Elgin). Going to have space for organizational tables.
 - c. EC committed to encourage people to attend the public meetings and speak in favor of the plan to remove dams, speak in favor of providing artistic renderings pre- and post dam removals in report, supportive funding for ancillary costs (infrastructure, ecological restoration, aesthetics) to support and spur municipality investment. Seems like USACE is setting up the municipalities to fail.
8. FREP Visioning Work Discussion – Lucas King
9. 2023 Meetings/Noon Networks/Activities:
- Oct. 11, 2023 FREP Noon Network – Tour of Pingree Grove Forest Preserve restoration project
 - Nov. 8, 2023 FREP Membership Meeting & Program -- Equity in Nature Access and Environmental Justice by Alison Paul, TCF, location TBA
 - Dec. 2023 FREP Holiday Party – Rob Linke has offered to host again, with perhaps a wildlife talk by Pam Otto
 - Brainstorm additional topics to fill in programs for 2024:
 - January 10, 2024 FREP Membership Meeting & Program
 - February 14, 2024 FREP Noon Network
 - March 16, 2024 Annual Fox River Summit
 - April 10, 2024 FREP Noon Network
 - May 8, 2024 FREP Membership Meeting & Program
 - June 12, 2024 FREP Noon Network
 - July 2024 FREP Picnic
 - August 14, 2024 FREP Noon Network
 - September 11, 2024 FREP Membership Meeting & Program
 - October 9, 2024 FREP Noon Network
 - November 13, 2024 FREP Membership Meeting & Program
10. Subwatershed News – Holly Hudson
11. Old Business
- a. One Earth Film Festival plans for 2024. Sponsor a virtual screening this year?
12. New Business
- a. It's Our Fox River Day – Saturday, Sept. 16. Activities coordinated by Friends of the Fox River
 - b. Annual budget
 - i. Becky will send 2022 Fiscal Year financial information to EC in anticipation of preparing a budget.
13. Adjournment

Minutes submitted by Lucas King, Secretary for the organization.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'L. King', written in a cursive style.

9/26/2023