

FREP Membership Meeting Minutes Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2023 1 PM Algonquin Public Works Facility

Present: Jeff Mengler, Nancy Williamson, Lucas King, Sue Glavan, Eva Kiss, Alyse Olson, Becky Hoag, Holly Hudson, Rob Linke, Michele Zimmerman, Elly Flemming, Sarah Voska

Call to Order and Introductions around room Called to order at 1:08pm

Approval of Minutes from 5-10-23 Motion to approve, SueGlavan/Alyse Olson. Unanimously approved.

Treasurer Report and Update– Jeff Mengler Motion to accept treasurer’s report. Lucas King/Nancy Williamson. Unanimously approved.

Special Election to elect as co-treasurers: Sue Glavan and Eva Kiss of Fox Metro Water Reclamation Dist. Motion Nancy Williamson/Holly Hudson. Unanimously approved.

Membership update for 2023-24

Dues at approximately 60% of previous year’s numbers so far. Jeff Mengler and Becky Hoag are following up with previous members to encourage renewal of membership.

Fox River Study Group (FRSG) Update

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). Additional communications and social media advertising information will be released by FRSG shortly. Report summary: Corps study recommends removal of 9 dams.

FRSG Annual Meeting Nov 9 (9am-12pm) @ The Center (Elgin). Going to have space for organizational tables.

FREP Visioning Work Update – Lucas King

Executive Committee continues to analyze the responses from the member survey to discern the next steps in discernment.

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

Subwatershed News – Holly Hudson

Indian Creek (Fermilab/Batavia to Aurora) Plan final review draft has been submitted to IEPA for review. Link to final draft plan is on FREP website and CMAP website.

Tyler Creek Coalition is having a celebration picnic and doing outreach to property owners along the Creek. Holding their Oct 25 Annual meeting at Judson University, topic: mussels.

Karen Daulton Lange is the new coordinator for the Flint Creek Spring Creek Watershed Partnership.

Old Business None

New Business

It’s Our Fox River Day – Saturday, Sept. 16. Activities coordinated by Friends of the Fox River

Adjournment 1:24pm.

Program: Engaging Young People in Ecosystem Restoration, Sarah Voska, Bluestem Ecological Services

Minutes submitted by Lucas King, FREP Secretary