

**Fox River Ecosystem Partnership Executive Committee**  
**January 17, 2007**

**Present:** K Rudensiuk, H Hudson, J Mengler, R Linke, B Hoag, T Pollowy, B Penesis, K Miller, B Donnell, C Skrukud

**Meeting called to order** at 11:15 by President Rudensiuk

**Minutes:** Motion by Linke, second by Hudson to approve minutes of November Executive Committee meetings. Passed unanimously.

**Slate for Officer Elections:** Donnell will present slate to membership at membership meeting.

**Ecosystem Administrator's Report:** none

Note: K Rudensiuk, H Hudson and K Miller will attend C2000 Ecosystems Program Workshop on Jan. 25

**Treasurer's Report:** none

Hoag noted that Pettit had reported that FREP has received \$4325 in dues to-date, budget is \$5000.

**Committee Reports**

Conservation Design- no report

Lakes Hudson reported committee will review 2 C2000 grants.

Water Resources Pollowy reported committee will review grants assigned to their committee.

Habitat Mengler reported a total 22-23 current C2000 grant proposals before FREP. Most grants will be reviewed on Jan. 23 at Tri-County State Park.

Govt Relations- Mengler reported 6<sup>th</sup> Annual "Conversations about Conservation with Legislators" will be held on Friday, March 9, 11 AM – 1 PM, at Prisco Center in Aurora. Rep. Ruth Munson will be keynote speaker and will also feature legislators Chapa La Via, Holmes, Noland and Lindner. Jack Darin will also be asked to speak on current environmental issues before the legislature. Key topic to be covered is reauthorization of C2000 program which is set to expire in 2009.

**Erosion Program** Rudensiuk discussed that FREP should not reinvent materials on soil erosion control but to develop an outreach program to municipal officials and staff so that community programs are improved. Mengler suggested working with SWCDs. Skrukud made motion to form subcommittee, with second by Mengler. Passed unanimously. Skrukud, Linke, Hudson, Mengler, Rudensiuk will serve on committee to develop 319 grant proposal involving media campaign and municipal program improvements. Subcommittee will meet Feb. 6 with Skrukud as facilitator; will invite SWCD staff to join us.

**Fox River Summit 2007** will be at Waubensee Community College. Sept. 7, 21, 28 are possible dates. Penesis will serve on committee. Committee will meet Feb. 21. Will discuss inviting mayors Weisner of Aurora and Eschenbach, an environmental attorney, of Ottawa to speak as well as IEPA Director Doug Scott, former mayor of Rockford.

**Protocol for responding to special requests, letters of support** Rudensiuk wanted clarification of her discretion in acting on behalf of FREP. It was agreed the President has discretion on ordinary matters and will consult the rest of the Ex Comm via email for speedy direction when needed.

**Adjourned at 1:05 PM.**

**Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Cindy Skrukud, Secretary.**

## **Fox River Meeting Ecosystem Partnership Bimonthly Meeting January 17, 2007**

**Welcome and Introductions** Meeting called to order by Ksenia Rudensiuk at 1:16 pm. All present introduced themselves.

**Minutes** Mary O made motion to approve minutes of Nov., 2006 meeting with second by Bill Donnell. Approved unanimously.

**Election of Officers:** Past- President Donnell presented slate of officers for annual election. No nominations from the floor. Motion to approve by Tim Pollowy, second by Mary O. Passed unanimously.

**Ecosystems Administrator Report:** none

**President's Report:** Sent letter of re-appointment of Paul Anderson to FRSG. Friends of the Fox River annual appreciation banquet is on Jan. 23, Rudensiuk urged FREP members attend. FREP will be making presentations in Oswego and Ottawa. FREP sent letter of support for Ottawa redevelopment plan.

**Treasurer's Report:** See Becky Hoag for list of memberships due.

### **Committee Reports**

Conservation Design Will be providing information to Ottawa.

Govt Relations 6<sup>th</sup> annual Conversations about Conservation with Legislators will be held on March 9 at Prisco Center in Aurora. Rep. Ruth Munson will be keynote with invited presentations from Reps. Chapa LaVia, and Lindner, and Sen. Holmes and Noland,.

Lakes Holly Hudson reported will be reviewing C2000 grants.

Habitat Mengler reported that C2000 grant review will be on Jan. 23 at Tri-County State Park. Review helps applicants improve their grant proposals.

### **Subwatershed Reports-**

Flint Creek- Patsy Mortimer reported group has received 1 year of 319 funding for a watershed plan.

Poplar Creek- Mengler reported group is interested in doing a presentation for FREP. Municipal staff are main participants in this planning effort.

Tyler- Linke reported plan is ongoing. Website at tylercreek.org

Nippersink- Skrukud reported this group's planning efforts are posted at nippersink.org  
Hudson reported CMAP Guidance Document for Watershed Planning in final formatting.

### **Summit 2007 Plans**

Rudensiuk reported summit will be held in September at Waubensee Community College. Target audience are municipal officials and staff. Discussed likely attendance by holding it on a weekday vs. weekend

### **Future meetings-**

Feb. Noon Network will focus on 319 grant process. April Noon Network will be on the role of land trusts.

### **Announcements-**

Mary O reported St. Charles Park District program on restoring native fish to Illinois River watershed to be held on Mar. 17 1-3 pm at Potawatomie Center, \$15 fee.

Holly Hudson provided a handout on FREP's 319 grant application process. More information will be available at the February Noon Network.

**Adjourned at 1:37 PM on motion by Mengler, second by Karen Miller.**

**Program-** Cindy Skrukud, Chair of the Fox River Study Group, presented an update on that group's efforts to prepare a computer model on the water quality issues of the Fox River as an aid for making decisions on the most cost effective management practices to correct current problems and to prevent future problems.

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