

Fox River Ecosystem Partnership  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Wednesday January 21, 2009  
Algonquin Village Hall

Present: Karen Miller, Katie Parkhurst, Holly Hudson, Tim Pollowy, Jeff Mengler, Nancy Williamson, Cindy Skrukrud

Pres. Miller called the meeting to order at 11:20 AM.

Minutes from Nov. 19- Motion by Hudson, Second by Mengler, Minutes approved.

2009-2010 Budget- Motion by Mengler, Second by Pollowy to present FREP “FY09 budget no grants” which combines projected grant income and other fundraising into one line item for approval by FREP Membership. Approved.

Ecosystem Administrator’s Report- Williamson reported the Governor has appointed Kurt Granberg as IDNR director and no C2000 grants will be awarded in 2009.

Funding

- a) Kane County Riverboat Grant- Miller reported a grant proposal to fund rain gardens has been submitted; FREP as lead with Kane-DuPage SWCD, UI Extension and Fox Valley Park District as partners.
- b) Chicago Wilderness Corporate Council- Miller, Williamson, Hoag attended meeting of ecosystem partnerships to initiate a joint proposal for \$5000 each funding for FREP, KREP and Upper and Lower Des Plaines Rivers partnerships.
- c) Center for Watershed Protection Technical Capacity Mini-Grants- Miller reported they have been overwhelmed with proposals and have closed solicitation.
- d) Patagonia Grant- Miller will follow up with a contact.
- e) REI Grant- Miller reported these grants must be employee-initiated. Mengler suggested asking Membership if they have a contact.
- f) Mengler and Pollowy suggested also asking Membership if they work at companies that offer grants to organizations their employees are involved in, such as Motorola and Cabella’s.
- g) Corporate Contributions Sub-Committee- Miller said Becky Hoag will host a meeting so people interested in joining committee should contact Becky. Pollowy will draft a solicitation letter to use later in year when (hopefully) economy is better. Williamson said solicitation should include FREP literature showing its history and accomplishments. Also discussed ways to acknowledge their support through website, sponsorship of Noon Networks, etc. A list of companies to solicit will be developed.
- h) 319 Grants- Hudson reported there may be future 319 money to fund watershed groups.

319 Grants Hudson reported IEPA is changing application form and project priorities but implementation projects will remain highest priority. There will also likely be funds for watershed planning. Miller reported Jack Shouba and Rob Linke are working on Ferson Creek. Williamson suggested that we should also see that the Blackberry Creek plan is updated;

Pollowy reported Kane Co. has RFP on Lake Run flood control plan. Big Rock and Waubonsee creeks were also discussed. Hudson said IEPA's 319 Biennial Report lists approved watershed plans.

#### Committee Reports

- i) Fox River Study Group- Skrukud reported presentations from November annual meeting and other meetings are available for review at [www.foxriverstudygroup.org](http://www.foxriverstudygroup.org)
- j) Government Relations- Mengler said Conversations on Conservation with our legislators will be held March 6 with Michael Noland and Kay Hatcher as keynotes followed by panel of other legislators who attend. Hatcher is confirmed and Skrukud will contact Senator Noland.
- k) Water Resources- Hudson working with Deanna Doohaluk on updating list of committee members who could help with grant review.

CMAP Partnership- Hudson moved that FREP become an official 'Go To 2040' partner, second by Skrukud. Passed. Hudson has had a discussion with Borden Library staff that we co-sponsor a community conversation on environmental planning issues in conjunction with their Elgin Alive series on the evening of March 10. Miller suggested we do this in place of February Noon Network.

Election of Officers- Mengler will officiate.

Cook County Watershed Management Ordinance- Mengler reported that the draft ordinance will be out for 60 day public review in the spring.

New Business- Pollowy looking for input on cultural barriers on sustainability issues for an upcoming presentation. Williamson said it would be worthwhile to review Jody Rezniak report on barriers to dam removal.

Adjourned at 1 pm.