

Fox River Ecosystem Partnership  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, May 20, 2009  
Campbell House, Geneva

Present: Karen Miller, Katie Parkhurst, Holly Hudson, Tim Pollowy, Jeff Mengler, Nancy Williamson, Rob Linke, Elizabeth Hagen-Moeller, John Church, and Becky Hoag

President Miller called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM.

Minutes from March 6, 2009- Motion by Linke, Second by Mengler, Minutes approved.

Minutes from January 21, 2009—Motion by Mengler, Second by Pollowy, Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report—No report at this time.

Ecosystem Administrator's Report- Williamson reported that they are watching C2000 funds and at this time a capital bill could possibly include some funding for open space.

South Elgin has requested a portion of land from the IDNR at Tri-County in order to construct a golf course. This land contains an Oak grove that would be destroyed and takes public open space land away from general public use. Talk to your legislators to let them know this is not a good idea.

The IDNR is working on Wildlife Action Plans and FREP should respond to the survey request. It would be great to get all the partnerships involved to implement the Wildlife Action Plan.

EPA 319 Grants—Hoag stated the 319 grants are available every other year and to date has not heard much about 2010 grant cycle. CMAP is not going to be coordinating these grants any more, is this something that FREP could do? Discussion on this matter included the need to hire a consultant to administer the grants, possible administrative fee available for FREP, would need to act now to meet the August deadline. Williamson will follow up with Holly Hudson and Brooke from the Conservation Foundation.

Riverboat Grant, Kane County Rain Garden Initiative—Miller announced that FREP was awarded the grant for \$20,500 to create two rain garden projects and update the FREP website with educational materials regarding rain gardens. This grant is a partnership between FREP, Kane-DuPage Soil and Water Conservation District, U of I Extension service, and the Fox Valley Park District. This project will be very visible and a great way to get more people interested in FREP.

Lake County Vision for Land Preservation—Mengler reported that he represents FREP within this newly organized group of stakeholders working together to preserve more land in Lake County. The group is spearheaded by the Liberty Prairie Conservancy to join together all interested agencies to aim for a goal of preserving 20% of the land in Lake County for open space, natural habitat, and ecosystem preservation. All the groups will work together to accomplish this goal.

Fox Metro Water Reclamation District Combined Sewer Overflow Control Plan—Pollowy is representing FREP on this citizen's advisory committee. The group is evaluating the combined sewer overflow at the treatment plant and ways to minimize the discharge directly into the Fox River.

Illinois River Coordinating Council—Hoag and Miller try to attend these meetings.

Cook County Watershed Management Ordinance—Mengler reported staff and the commission are working on the draft ordinance, it is not available for public review yet. The goal is to have it effective January 2010.

Carbon Credits—Hoag announced a new subcommittee may be formed to work on carbon credits under the direction of Bill Donnell.

Corporate Contributions Subcommittee—Hoag noted she has not received any interest in this from the last meeting. The goal is to have corporations donate money to help with FREP's programs.

Noon Networks and Future Meetings—A program is needed for the June 17<sup>th</sup> Noon Network. Program ideas include: Aquascape's new cistern, Four Winds Way Creek project, Steve's fish study, Rain garden site at research farm in St. Charles, Jessie's mussel program.

Adjourned—at 1:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Parkhurst  
FREP Secretary