

Fox River Ecosystem Partnership
Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, March 17, 2010
Barrington Hills Village Hall

Present: Katie Parkhurst, Holly Hudson, Tim Pollowy, Jeff Mengler, Deanna Doohaluk, and Cindy Skrukud.

President Pollowy called the meeting to order at 2:30 PM.

Minutes from January 20, 2010 and February 17, 2010- Doohaluk made a motion to approve the January 20, 2010 and February 17, 2010 minutes and Hudson seconded. Voice vote noted all ayes, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report—Pollowy reported that no treasurer's report was provided.

EPA 319 Grants—Hudson and Doohaluk reported that the water resources committee has received interest in grant assistance from several groups. The committee will be meeting to review the grant applications and meet with the applicants in early June.

Conversations about Conservation with our Legislators—Mengler reported the Government Relations Committee has decided to postpone the March event due to difficulty in scheduling. The Committee is planning a September Conversations in the northern part of the watershed. FREP will co-sponsor with the Fox Waterway Agency. More details will be provided as the time gets closer.

Mengler also announced that due to changes within his office he will no longer be able to be a member as part of the US Fish and Wildlife Service. Therefore, he is resigning from FREP's Government Relations Committee and Habitat Committee effective immediately. Mengler will still be a FREP member as an individual living within the watershed.

Mengler will contact Church to inform him that he is now the sole chair of the Government Relations Committee. Skrukud agreed to work with Ingrid, Fox Waterway Agency, to set up the Conversations about Conservation with our Legislators.

Riverboat Grant, Kane County Rain Garden Initiative—Pollowy discussed the idea of having a project manager to work with Hoag on the rest of the rain garden initiative. Pollowy suggested that Leigh would be appropriate; he will follow up with her. The April 21st noon network is still being planned to view the rain garden. FREP will not be involved in the rain garden workshop now being organized by U of I Extension. FREP will participate in Aurora's Summer Solstice Celebration on June 12 by having a booth and Pollowy giving a presentation on rain gardens.

CMAP Watershed Based Plans Discussion—Tim Loftus, CMAP, explained that 604 funds are available for work done on planning or monitoring watersheds. He is seeking support and collaboration from FREP to work on four sub-watershed plans (Silver Creek and Crystal Lake Outlet, which serves Woods Creek and Crystal Creek, in the upper Fox River area and Ferson-Otter and Blackberry in the lower Fox River area). FREP's role would be to organize stakeholders, set up meetings, generate support for the watershed based plan, and provide education. CMAP would be the meeting facilitators and write the plan. FREP would also be asked to update the website and do educational pieces after the plan is created. FREP could be allocated \$50,000 for their work. Other local lead agencies could be awarded \$15,000-\$20,000 for their efforts. FREP could hire a consultant or work with another agency to create all the educational materials. The project is slated to start July 1st and would last for 18 months. It was a general

consensus that FREP is interested in participating but needs to have further discussion on roles and responsibilities.

May Meeting—Pollowy suggested a working meeting in May to focus FREP's activities for the next year. A location still needs to be determined.

Gravel Mining—Parkhurst explained that Kane County Forest Preserve is considering mining within Forest Preserve sites. This would generate income for the Forest Preserve and create a recreational lake for use once the mining is complete. FREP was contacted by David Poweleit asking for FREP to be involved. At this time there are no formal plans in place or any public meetings scheduled. Parkhurst volunteered to participate in meetings and keep FREP informed as this idea moves forward.

Job Description—Pollowy shared the job description that Hoag prepared for her duties and compensation requirements. He asked Executive Committee to review it and inquire with others in similar positions about their compensation levels.

Adjourned—at 4:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Parkhurst
FREP Secretary