

**FREP Executive Committee Meeting, Friday, March 6, 2009, 1:30 PM
Prisco Community Center, Aurora**

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

Comments on the Conversations about Conservation with our Legislators: Karen asked for thoughts regarding today's meeting. Nancy suggested it would be a good idea to get comments from speakers if they cannot attend or encourage a staff person to attend. It might be possible to do a conference call with key speakers if they cannot attend.

Becky commented that the Prisco Center location works very well and the room allows for any size group. The panel discussion format works well.

Tim inquired about the talking points provided to the speakers. It might be worth sending the points to all the legislators in the Fox Valley and post their responses on FREP's website. Also, to get more people to attend, it may be worth sending out information to other interested organizations.

Nancy wondered if giving an award to legislators for the best voting record or something similar may draw more of the legislators.

A brief discussion was held on possible locations for future events, keeping in mind the desire to move north and south throughout the watershed.

Bill asked if FREP wants to be a lobbying organization. It was determined that for specific bills and issues that FREP would not lobby; however to ask to restore the budget for funding IDNR and grants that would be acceptable. Karen can send a letter from FREP to the Governor, IDNR, and legislators in support of restoring funding.

Jeff is the chair of the Chicago Wilderness Green Infrastructure Vision and would like to present this to the FREP membership. He will also speak at the upcoming GoTo2040 presentation that CMAP is hosting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Parkhurst, Secretary