

Fox River Ecosystem Partnership  
**Executive Committee Meeting**  
Wednesday, September 16, 2009  
Oswego Village Hall

Present: Karen Miller, Katie Parkhurst, Holly Hudson, Tim Pollowy, Rob Linke, Elizabeth Hagen-Moeller, Jason Pettit, Deanna Doohaluk, and Becky Hoag

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

Minutes from May 20, 2009- Motion by Pollowy, Second by Pettit, Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report—Pettit provided a year end income and expense statement for the 2008-2009 fiscal year. Total expenses exceeded income; however there was a reserve that covered the expenses. The first quarter expense and income report for this year was shared. No funds have been received from the Kane County Riverboat grant for the rain garden initiative yet since no request has been made for reimbursement. A discussion was had regarding funding for Hoag's position and what work is critical to sustain FREP. Miller directed Hoag to create a list of work she does, time spent on projects, and estimate for time to be spent on the rain garden initiative project.

Hoag will submit for a grant from BP for regional support to fund administrative positions for ecosystem partnerships within northeastern Illinois.

Membership Campaign—Hoag reported that the annual membership renewal forms will be sent out shortly. There was \$5,952.00 in dues and donations last year and she is concerned about a drop in membership this year as she has already heard from some that finances are too tight this year.

Ecosystem Administrator's Report—Miller reported that she attended an IDNR meeting regarding funding; however the meeting turned out to be how the IDNR can receive funding instead of how ecosystem partnerships can receive funding. FREP sent letters to the legislators and IDNR requesting funding for administration for ecosystem partnerships.

The IDNR will hold a Conservation Congress October 24-25 in Springfield. FREP will not be attending; however Miller will follow up with Williamson to see if she is attending and will speak on FREP's behalf.

EPA 319 Grants—Hudson mentioned that Illinois EPA will be receiving 604B monies from the federal EPA. This money is directed towards watershed based projects. It may be possible for FREP and other ecosystem partnerships to receive money due to the educational component. A suggestion was made that FREP could be the lead agency to update watershed plans that have already been done; this would provide the technical requirement for the federal funds. These monies will be distributed through CMAP so Hudson will keep FREP informed.

Hudson reported the 2006 grant cycle projects are finishing up final reports on their projects. The 2008 grant cycle projects are almost complete or ready for construction.

CMAP will work with FREP for the 2011 grant cycle. FREP will promote the 319 Grant program at the January meeting. The Water Resources Committee will have a follow up meeting to help interested parties submit good grants.

Riverboat Grant, Kane County Rain Garden Initiative—Pollowy stated that Hey and Associates is still awaiting payment from the University of Illinois for the work done to install the rain garden. Hoag should submit a reimbursement request from the grant for work already done and will submit another request once payment has been made to Hey and Associates.

Cook County Watershed Management Ordinance—Miller stated Mengler and/or Skrukud will report on this at the next meeting since they have been attending the meetings.

Noon Networks and Future Meetings—Hoag listed future meetings dates and the programs that are in place and that more are needed. Parkhurst agreed to contact McHenry County Conservation District for a November meeting program. It was discussed that the rain garden project should be featured later in the summer, instead of April, so that it looks better. Submit any ideas to Hoag.

Adjourned—at 12:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Parkhurst  
FREP Secretary