

Fox River Ecosystem Partnership
Membership Meeting
Wednesday, January 20, 2010
Judson University, Elgin

Present: Deanna Doohaluk, Hey and Associates; Tim Pollowy, Hey and Associates; Karen Miller, Kane County; Katie Parkhurst, Village of Algonquin; Holly Hudson, CMAP; Rob Linke, Trotter Associates; Bill Donnell, Fox Valley Park District; Karen Clementi, Deuchler; Kerry Leigh, Village of Oakwood Hills; Barry Stuedemann, ENTRIX; Patsy Mortime, Flint Creek Watershed Partnership; Dave Margolis, Oswego Park District; Laura Ross-Stuart; Matt Bardol, Cowhey Gudmundson Leder; Jim Eby, Batavia Park District; Nancy Schumm, Barrington Area Council Trust; Jack Showba, Campton Township; Steve Zimmerman, Applied Ecological Services; Laura Schraw, City of Yorkville; Gordon Ferguson, Burns and McDonnell; Ken McEwen, West Chicago Park District; Michele Zimmerman, Village of Algonquin; Gary Swick, Friends of the Fox; Brian Johnson, Cowhey Gudmundson Leder; Dennis Dreher, Cowhey Gudmundson Leder; Doug Dirks, The Windings HOA; Michael Novotney, Baxter and Woodman; Larry Rakunas, Willowgate Subdivision; Ilene Donley, WBK; Paul Bednar, City of Elgin; and Becky Hoag, FREP

President Miller called the meeting to order at 1:10 pm. Introductions were made.

Approval of Minutes from November 18, 2009—Motion by Ross, second by Pollowy. Voice voted noted all ayes, minutes were approved.

Election of Officers—Donnell announced the slate of officers as follows: Tim Pollowy, President; Kerry Leigh, Vice President; Jason Pettit, Treasurer; Katie Parkhurst, Secretary. Donnell asked for additional nominations, there were none. Ross made a motion to approve the slate of officers, Eby seconded the motion. Voice vote noted all ayes, motion carried.

Miller thanked everyone for their work and dedication while she was President. She turned the meeting over to Tim Pollowy. Miller was presented with a plaque of appreciation.

Treasurer's Report—Pollowy stated there is no treasurer's report.

Ecosystem Administrator's Report—Pollowy stated that Williamson is working on a report for ecosystem partnerships to serve as the conservation opportunity areas as outlined in the Wildlife Action Plan.

Kane County Rain Garden Initiative—Hoag announced that FREP, in partnership with the Kane-DuPage Soil and Water Conservation District and the University of Illinois, installed a rain garden at the University of Illinois Extension Service Research Farm in St. Charles. The FREP website will be completely redone to provide more information regarding rain gardens as part of the grant. Hoag requested any information on existing rain gardens be forwarded to her for inclusion on the website.

Hoag mentioned that the April 21st Noon Network will be a rain garden demonstration at U of I Extension Service Research Center. April 24th will be a workshop in the morning to teach people about rain gardens and then a public open house in the afternoon to show them the rain garden.

2010 Conversations about Conservation with our Legislatures—Pollowy stated that this meeting is being planned by the Government Relations Committee and is scheduled for March.

FREP Website—Hoag announced she is working on the complete revision to the website. The new site will feature member information, please send her updates.

Cook County Watershed Management Ordinance—Pollowy announced the ordinance is moving forward. FREP is tracking the progress as a small portion of the Fox River Watershed is within Cook County.

Lake County Vision for Land Preservation—The Executive Committee voted to endorse the Lake County Vision as presented to the membership at the November meeting.

CMAP GO TO 2040—Hudson thanked everyone for their participation in the GO TO 2040 planning process that CMAP has conducted.

Future Meetings and Noon Networks—Hoag listed the upcoming meetings, topics and locations. If you have ideas for future meetings, please let her know.

New Business—The Conservation Foundation received a grant to present BMP seminars for non-technical people to any municipality or township within Kane County. The presentation is 45 minutes and can be done at any Board or Commission meeting free of cost.

Gary Swick mentioned the Friends of the Fox River can always use more volunteers to monitor water quality. This group can also provide speakers and training for events.

Nancy Schumm announced the Barrington Area Council Trust is hosting two free programs on February 22 and March 8 with excellent speakers. Please see the FREP website for more information.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 pm.

Program- Holly Hudson, CMAP, provided an overview of the Section 319(h) Grant Program Nonpoint Source Pollution Control FY 2011 grant cycle. The program addressed what types of projects would qualify, submittal requirements, FREP assistance available, and the timeframe. After the presentation the Water Resources Committee heard from the potential grant applicants.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Parkhurst
FREP Secretary