

UPPER DES PLAINES RIVER ECOSYSTEM PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL MEETING

December 2, 2010

Libertyville, IL

MINUTES

Introduction

Patty Werner, President, welcomed members and guests to the Annual Meeting. She introduced the current officers (Rob Flood, Vice President; Nick Huber, Treasurer; Tom Ganfield, Secretary), directors (Sheila Schultz and Lydia Scott), and Coordinator (Nancy Schumm) of UDPREP. She gave a brief summary of UDPREP past year's accomplishments and began the business meeting.

Approval of 2009 Annual Meeting Minutes

Tom Ganfield, Secretary, thanked Jill Hughes for preparing the minutes. Paul Culhane made a motion to accept minutes, Jill Hughes seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report

Nick Huber, Treasurer, presented UDPREP's current financial condition as shown on meeting handouts. Revenue comes largely from grants and membership dues. Payment to Coordinator and expenses associated with UDPREP activities constitute most of the expenses. UDPREP currently has small, positive balance. Patrick Walsh made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, Barbara Little seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

By-Law Amendments

Patty mentioned that the By-Laws needed to be updated to elect all directors to UDPREP to be consistent with Illinois not-for-profit organization rules. UDPREP is proposing to add 2 directors as elected positions. Paul Culhane made a motion to accept the By-Law Amendments as presented, Keith Gray seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Election

Dues-paying members cast their ballots for Board of Directors. Members unanimously elected:

- President, Patty Werner, Lake County Stormwater Management Commission
- Vice President, Rob Flood, North Shore Sanitary District
- Treasurer, Nick Huber, Forest Preserve District of Lake County
- Secretary, Tom Ganfield, Baxter & Woodman, Inc.
- Director, Sheila Schultz, Des Plaines Watershed Team
- Director, Lydia Scott, Village of Lincolnshire

Annual Program

Peg Kohring, Midwest Director of The Conservation Fund, presented Green Seams for Green Dreams. Peg presented the Green Seams Program as run by The Conservation Fund, Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District, and other organizations. The Green Seams Program looks at ways to preserve, protect and enhance open space to reduce flooding and provide other environmental benefits.

Bill Davis, Land Preservation Manager for the Lake County Forest Preserve District, presented a program on the District's land acquisition activities. Bill discussed land acquisition within the last decade, largely reliant on a bond referendum. He showed how the land will provide recreational activities for area residents and how the land will help the quality and quantity of water within the Des Plaines watershed.

Closing Remarks

Patty thanked the speakers for their presentations. She mentioned that 2011 will focus on Green Infrastructure, thanks to a grant from Grand Victoria Foundation, and today's presentations were a great start to this initiative. Thanks to a REI grant, UDPREP will sponsor a river cleanup day in the Spring of 2011. Patty thanked Des Plaines River Association for additional funds from its Marathon registration checkoff program. She mentioned that in 2011 UDPREP will also be updating its Strategic Plan and solicited help and advice from the membership.