

Fox River Study Group

Minutes of the meeting on October 1, 2008 in Oswego, IL. The meeting was called to order about 9:30 AM.

Attendance:

Directors

Officers Present: P. Anderson, T. Muth, C. Skrukruud, R. Trueblood

Officers Absent:

Other Directors Present: K. Anderson, B. Ritchason, R. Linke, E. Schoeny

Other Directors Absent: S. McCracken,

Advisers and Guests

B. Yurdin (IEPA), A. Bartosova, J. Slowikowski, W. Gillespie (ISWS); R. Hummer (FMWRD); J. Russell (FRWRD); P. Moreau (Deuchler)

Topics:

Secretary's Report

Move to approve the minutes from August 19, 2008. Motion by Trueblood, second by Muth, approved by all.

Treasurer's Report

Muth announced the balance as of August 31, 2008 was \$41,745.13. Two payments were made to the ISWS (\$30,145 for Phase II, Part 7a, and \$200,000 for the first payment on the monitoring report). Another payment was made to Hey & Associates (\$10,197.83) for work to prepare monitoring.

The balance on September 30, 2008 was about \$9,241.01. Payments included \$28,571.00 (ISWS for Phase II, Part 7b), Illinois Charity Bureau Fund (\$15.00), expenses for IRS and grant filing (\$36.60), and Hoag Communications (\$150). There are pending payments for the audit (\$2,200) and to Hey & Associates for training (\$1,531.52 and \$4159.91). Muth moved to make those payments, Trueblood second, approved by all.

Trueblood asked about potential exposure to bank failures; Muth will investigate.

Chair's Report

Skrukruud reported that she submitted a proposal to the Dunham Fund requesting \$50,000. She also submitted a request to IEPA for reimbursement, and to extend the agreement through June 2009. Discussion followed and FRSG agreed to ask for an extension through the end of 2009.

The City of Elgin asked FRSG to review an agreement regarding their funding support. The support will be \$25,000 each year for the next three years. Muth entered a motion to approve the agreement, Linke entered a second; the motion was approved by all.

There was a discussion about filling the missing Director; Blackberry Creek has not had a representative attend the meeting in at least one year.

Skurkrud announced that the Prairie Rivers Network invited FRSG to attend a meeting in Springfield, IL on October 10; the meeting is *Building Capacity for Sustainable Watershed Management in Illinois*.

Hey & Associates Report

Skurkrud noted that Hey & Associates is supposed to be preparing a contract extension for the monitoring work. She will contact them to confirm.

ISWS Report

Bartosova reported that the biology reports were printed. She also briefly described procedures for releasing data and model information, and the need for the standard ISWS data disclosure statement.

Slowikowski asked for FRSG help in expanding the ISWS search for employees to help with the monitoring project. Both FRWRD and FMWRD offered to help find space for ISWS employees during the monitoring work. Slowikowski briefly described the CSO work going on in Elgin, and monitoring challenges with one buried CSO with very limited access. It might be useful to select a different CSO; Slowikowski will examine the options working with the City of Elgin.

Bartosova reviewed a preliminary estimate for Phase III work. Part 1 involves updating the HSPF model, Part 2 involves updating the QUAL2K model, and Part 3 is the model scenarios. Phase III is scheduled to begin about July 1, 2009. The time required for the scenario work depends on the number of scenarios involved. The minimum time is about 18 months with an estimated cost of \$250,000.

Bartosova also led a discussion of possible scenarios and how much time would be required to assess the scenarios. For ISWS planning purposes, she would like to know information such as how many scenarios and what type of scenarios FRSG wants to explore.

Schedule of Next Meeting

The next regular FRSG meeting is scheduled for 9:30 AM on October 29, 2008 in Oswego starting at 9:30 AM. The following FRSG meeting will be Thursday November 20 in Oswego starting at 9:30 AM, to be followed by the annual meeting at 10 AM. The tentative date for the December meeting is the 18th, also in Oswego, also starting at 9:30 AM.

Adjourned

The meeting adjourned about 12:00 PM. Minutes prepared by P. Anderson