

# **Fox River Study Group**

Minutes of the meeting on April 12, 2005 in Oswego, IL. The meeting was called to order about 9:05 AM.

## **Attendance:**

### **Directors**

Officers Present: P. Anderson, G. Hergenroeder, T. Muth, C. Skrukud

Officers Absent: Tri-Cities

Other Directors Present: K. Anderson, R. Linke

Other Directors Absent: K. Rudensiuk, S. Andras

### **Guests**

A. Bartasova, C. Bauer, E. Hammer, C. Hughes, D. Kaptain, M. Kesey, T. Kluge, S. McConkey, P. Moreau, J. Singh

## **Topics:**

### **Approval of minutes from March 8, 2005**

There was a correction to the minutes from Moreau, regarding the number and distribution of proposals. Move to approve by Hergenroeder, second by K. Anderson, passed.

### **Secretary Report**

No items.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Muth reported a balance of \$4,783.91 after payments for Phase II efforts in one account, and a balance of \$102,236.94 in the second account. There is an outstanding bill of \$11,236 for Phase II, Part 5. A draft report is posted; FRSG will review and bring comments to the next meeting.

### **Chair's Report**

Skrukud signed a contract to ISWS for the Phase 6 work (Amendment 5).

At the April meeting FRSG will review requests to communities in the watershed about additional support.

### **RFP Subcommittee**

Moreau reviewed proposals from an administrative perspective; the materials were complete. McConkey reviewed their proposal rating system and the results of ISWS rating. Based on qualifications and cost, Hergenroeder moved to award the contract to CDM, subject to negotiations about the database requirements and related costs, second by Linke, approved. ISWS will develop a description of the database; the RFP subcommittee will ask CDM for that information. Moreau will prepare a contract form for signatures by CDM and appropriate FRSG officers.

## **USEPA Report**

Discussion of the FY 2004 Congressional Appropriation with USEPA representatives, who expressed concern about incorporating biomonitoring and habitat data. The FY 2003 appropriation will cover complete models for two tributary watersheds, hydraulic models for four more tributary watersheds, preliminary models for other tributary watershed, some data collection, and parameter development. Local funds were also used to support some of this work. The FY 2004 appropriation is needed to continue model development for the main stem of the Fox River (known as Part 7 of the study). USEPA reviewed the most recent time line, which does not include biomonitoring. Hammer and Bauer asked for more concise information about accomplishments, tasks, and distribution of funding; material that can be used to justify the project.

## **ISWS Report**

ISWS reviewed estimated costs for flow and water quality monitoring.

## **Schedule of next meeting**

May 10, 2005 at 9 A.M. at the Fox River Water Reclamation District offices in Elgin. The agenda includes a discussion of a request for local funding.

## **Adjourned**

The meeting adjourned about 11:30.

Minutes prepared by P. Anderson