

Fox River Study Group

Minutes of the meeting on June 5, 2009 in Oswego, IL. The meeting was called to order about 9:40 AM.

Attendance:

Directors

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

Officers Absent:

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

Other Directors Absent: S. McCracken,

Advisers and Guests

A. Bartosova, J. Slowikowski, W. Gillespie, Brett Randle (ISWS); J. Russell (FRWRD); Karen Clementi, P. Moreau (WE Deuchler & Assoc); Deanna Doohulak; Ryan Hartzog (Hey & Associates); Tim Rubis (FMWRD); Randy Hummer (MWRDGC); Fran Caffee

Topics:

Secretary's Report

Move to approve the minutes from April 15, 2009. Motion by Trueblood, second by Muth, approved by all.

Treasurer's Report

Muth announced that the balance on May 31, 2009 was about \$446,519; this total does not account for the previously approved \$100,000 payment to ISWS. Muth confirmed that insurance covers amounts up to \$500,000. Given the relative rates of income and payments it probably does not make sense to try to split the account into different CD accounts.

Trueblood entered a motion to approve two separate requests from Hey & Associates (\$4105.10), second by K. Anderson, and approved by all. FRSG also has a request for payment in the amount of \$100,000 from ISWS, Trueblood entered a motion, Muth provided a second, approved by all. Muth noted a request for partial payment to the accountant in the amount of \$2,500, motion to approve by Trueblood, second by Ritchason, approved by all.

The accountant needs additional information from FRSG directors; Skrukruud will circulate information from past years to remind people of amounts in previous years.

Chair's Report

Skrukruud reported on her efforts to gather additional information on insurance for directors and officers. She has also been trying to gather more information on the CMAP Section 604(b) American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding for FRSG.

K. Anderson reported that the FRSG proposal to the Kane County Riverboat fund was approved for an amount of \$50,000. Trueblood entered a motion to accept the grant, second by Schoeny, approved by all. There are some changes in procedures, but there will still be a need to provide periodic reports. Trueblood asked for copies so people could review the reporting requirements.

Skrukrud reminded the FRSG funding committee to start thinking about the IEPA 319 grant proposal. The committee will review the new guidance information about this application in preparing the new proposal, which is due August 1st.

Schoeny will follow up with a contact at USEPA who expressed an interest in FRSG work.

Hey & Associates Report

Doohulak reported that the area had the wettest spring in decades; the flow remains too high. She has been working on modifications to the QAPP. The initial training sessions will be on July 23rd at FRWRD and on July 29th or 30th at FMWRD.

Clementi briefly described the additional biomonitoring and water quality monitoring that Deuchler is doing on behalf of FMWRD. Their work complements the local work of IDNR.

ISWS Reports

Slowikowski reported on progress to set up monitoring stations; many approvals are required. They are also interviewing for the new position. They are near the final edit on the QAPP. Rain gages are installed and operating. He also mentioned that once they are operational there will be 24 months of monitoring.

Bartosova provided an update on the modeling effort. The current contract expires at the end of June 2009; ISWS would like to ask for no-cost, two-month extension to complete the Phase II (Part 7b) modeling work. Trueblood entered a motion, K. Anderson provided a second, and the motion was approved. The earliest the Phase III work (exploring scenarios for a total cost of about \$280,000) would begin is in September 2009. She will provide FRSG with an updated estimate of the timing for the work.

Schedule of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for July 2 at 9:30 AM at the Fox Metro Water Reclamation District office in Oswego.

Adjourned

The regular meeting adjourned about 11:25 AM. Minutes prepared by P. Anderson