

Fox River Study Group

Minutes of the meeting on July 11, 2007 in Oswego, IL. The meeting was called to order about 9:10 AM.

Attendance:

Directors

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

Officers Absent:

Other Directors Present: K. Anderson, S. Andras, R. Linke, R. Trueblood

Other Directors Absent: S. McCracken, C. White

Guests

A. Bartosova, M. Demissie, R. Hummer, P. Moreau, J. Russell, J. Slowkowski

Topics:

Secretary's Report

Approval of minutes from May 9, 2007. Motion to approve the minutes by Muth, second by Trueblood, approved.

Treasurer's Report

Muth's report showed that two payments to University of Illinois were \$60,290 and \$30,145. With interest added the remaining balance comes to \$52,710.89.

Borhart Spellmeyer & Company is reviewing FRSG financial records for the year ended December 31, 2006. The current invoice for that work (partial payment) comes to \$2,500. Hoag communications also submitted an invoice for web domain services for \$300 (the total comes to \$600). There was a motion (Trueblood) to make these payments, it was seconded (Linke), and it was approved.

Chair's Report

Skrukruud reviewed the June 21 meeting with IEPA and ISWS. IEPA is happy with the work that FRSG is doing; they expressed an interest in exploring scenarios with the model. IEPA has no problem with FRSG going directly to ISWS for monitoring work. Tim Kluge, the IEPA liaison to FRSG, left IEPA; Skrukruud will ask about a replacement.

ENSR has a contract to develop TMDLs for the upper Fox River; they will send a representative to an upcoming FRSG meeting.

IEPA requested water quality data for their water quality report. Skrukruud asked if FRSG would submit data as we have in the past. Bartosova will coordinate on behalf of FRSG.

ISWS Report

Bartosova noted that the Executive Summary for the Blackberry and Poplar Creek studies has been approved within ISWS, and asked about additional feedback from FRSG. Skrukruud observed that it would be useful to make this document available to FRSG supporters.

Because of a previous commitment, ISWS Chief Derrek Winstanley was not able to attend this meeting. Mike Demissie, who heads up the ISWS Watershed Science Group, reviewed ISWS perspectives on FRSG work and presented their draft pre-proposal for the monitoring work. Skrukud will review the projected budget for FRSG. Muth reported that Fox Metro hopes to contract with ISWS for an upcoming CSO study; FRSG agreed that this additional information and resources would benefit the ongoing and proposed FRSG work, and encouraged Fox Metro to proceed. Trueblood moved to agree with ISWS on the concept of the water quality monitoring study (details remain to be worked out), Linke seconded, and FRSG approved; Skrukud will send a formal letter to the ISWS.

Monitoring Project

Slowkowski reported on the low-flow DO monitoring; Hey & Associates will be conducting training sessions next week. Once training is complete they need to wait until the low-flow conditions are satisfied.

Schedule of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on August 8, 2007 at 9:00 A.M. in Oswego at the Fox Metro Water Reclamation District offices. The subsequent meeting is scheduled for September 5, 2007, also at Fox Metro.

Adjourned

The meeting adjourned about 11:10 AM. Minutes prepared by P. Anderson