

# **Fox River Study Group**

Minutes of the meeting on July 2, 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: R. Linke, E. Schoeny

Other Directors Absent: S. McCracken, K. Anderson, B. Ritchason,

### **Advisers and Guests**

A. Bartosova, J. Slowikowski, W. Gillespie (ISWS); J. Russell (FRWRD); Karen Clementi, P. Moreau (WE Deuchler & Assoc); Deanna Doohulak (Hey & Associates); Fran Caffee

## **Topics:**

### **Secretary's Report**

Move to approve the amended minutes from June 5, 2009. Motion by Trueblood, second by Muth, approved by all.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Muth announced that the balance on June 30, 2009 was about \$209,679.

FRSG received an invoice from Hey & Associates (\$4692.30), mostly for staff time. FRSG will delay acting on this invoice until Doohulak reports back on details of the budget.

Skrukruud reminded directors that information about in-kind contributions is due for the audit.

### **Chair's Report**

Skrukruud reported on a grant agreement from CMAP. The total is \$100,000; the funds will be used to support monitoring work. ISWS will remain the subcontractor for this work, which applies to Poplar, Flint, and Tyler Creeks; those are watersheds where CMAP has been working on watershed plans. Trueblood entered a motion to approve the CMAP agreement, Muth provided a second and a heartfelt thanks to Cindy for her work; the motion was approved by all.

There was some discussion about changing FRSG by-laws to replace the representative from the Blackberry Creek and perhaps expand the number of directors.

Skrukruud summarized work by the IEPA 319 grant proposal committee. Briefly, the committee will try to obtain more feedback on the education proposal submitted last year, revise and resubmit that proposal, and prepare an additional proposal that deals with watershed planning. The committee will try to submit draft summaries for IEPA comments by July 15.

## **Hey & Associates Report**

Doohulak and FRSG discussed the upcoming training schedule. If there are normal rainfall events for the duration of the summer, water levels might get in the desired range by mid-August at the earliest. If we have to wait until September to conduct sampling there will – as with last year – be concerns about temperature effects. FRSG decided to postpone training until the next monthly meeting, where we can review conditions in the watershed. Tentative training dates are August 6 in Elgin and August 7 in Oswego (both sessions run from 9 AM to noon). Decisions will be made at the next FRSG meeting on August 5<sup>th</sup>.

## **ISWS Reports**

Bartosova provided an email summary of future work; FRSG will review that information prior to the next meeting. Bartosova also reviewed modeling results for nitrogen, phosphorus, and organic matter.

Slowikowski reported on monitoring progress; problems arranging monitoring are mostly resolved. Within a few days ISWS hopes to make an offer to hire one of the people they need for monitoring. The QAPP is about 95% complete. Everything will be ready to go by August 1. He will send the final version of the QAPP to FRSG in about one week.

## **Schedule of Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for August 5 at 9:30 AM at the Fox Metro Water Reclamation District office in Oswego.

## **Adjourned**

The regular meeting adjourned about 12:05 PM. Minutes prepared by P. Anderson