

Fox River Study Group

Minutes of the meeting on August 19, 2008 in Oswego, IL. The meeting was called to order about 1:00 PM.

Attendance:

Directors

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

Officers Absent:

Other Directors Present: K. Anderson, B. Ritchason,

Other Directors Absent: S. McCracken, R. Linke

Advisers and Guests

A. Bartosova, J. Slowikowski, and W. Gillespie from ISWS; R. Hummer (FMWRD); J. Russell (FRWRD); P. Moreau (Deuchler); J. Wickenkamp and D. Doohaluk (Hey & Associates).

Topics:

Secretary's Report

Motion to approve the amended minutes by Trueblood, second by Muth, approved by all.

Treasurer's Report

Muth announced the balance as of July 31, 2008 was \$282,015.34. Two payments have been made to the ISWS (\$30,145 for Phase II, Part 7a, and \$200,000 for the first payment on the monitoring report). There is also a pending payment of \$28,574 to ISWS for work in Phase II, Part 7b. Based on these payments, Muth projects a balance of \$23,299.34. The FRSG also needs to make the following payments: \$15 for AG990-IL to Illinois Charity Bureau Fund; \$150 to Hoag Communications for the FRSG website; and \$35.60 to Skrukud for the 319 grant application. Trueblood moved to approve these payments, second by K. Anderson, approved. Skrukud also announced that the FRSG received an invoice from Hey & Associates in the amount of \$10,197.83 for work through June. Muth entered a motion to make the payment, second by K. Anderson, approved by all. Skrukud reported that she will submit a reimbursement request to IEPA (\$284,210.24).

Chair's Report

Skrukud reported that IEPA acknowledged receipt of the FRSG proposal to the 319 program. She also noted that the Dunham Fund invited the FRSG to submit another application. The FRSG Finance Subcommittee will prepare a new proposal; the due date is August 31. K. Anderson spoke with Kane County officials and adjusted the project dates for the grant from Kane County so that the project schedule fits the FRSG work schedule.

Skrukud also noted that the FRSG received requests for data and models that ISWS is working on. Specifically, FRWRD would like information on the model so their contractor can help them develop a proposal for a plant expansion. P. Anderson entered a motion that the FRSG make data and model information available for FRWRD, subject to progress reports from FRWRD and

subject to a written description of the limitations of the data and model. The motion was seconded by K. Anderson and approved by all but Trueblood (he abstained from the vote).

Skrukrud also announced that the IEPA requested up-to-date monitoring data and the D.O. monitoring data. Trueblood entered a motion to approve the request, there was a second by P. Anderson; the motion was approved by all.

Hey & Associates Report

Wickenkamp reported that flow levels range from 50% to 100% higher than the levels established for monitoring. The FRSG and guests discussed options, including still trying to monitor this year, scaling-back monitoring this year, or postponing monitoring until next year. Wickenkamp explained that because of the flexible scheduling approach they took this summer, expenses for this summer will come to only about \$16,000, and almost \$10,000 of that represents useful work for next summer. He also announced that they will need equipment storage space over the winter; both FMWRD and FVWRD offered storage space. The FRSG asked Hey & Associates to provide an estimate for monitoring next year. Wickenkamp responded that he would have to check with their subcontractors (USGS, UW Milwaukee, and McHenry Analytical) to develop an amended proposal. K. Anderson entered a motion to delay the low flow monitoring until the summer of 2009 and to ask Hey & Associates to prepare an amended contract. The motion was seconded by Muth and approved by all.

ISWS Report

Bartosova reported that the biology report was briefly delayed; she will deliver it at the next FRSG meeting. Slowikowski reported that preparations for their monitoring were making good progress.

Plan next Scenarios Discussion

Skrukrud distributed an outline of scenarios Linke prepared. The FRSG will review this information in an upcoming meeting.

Schedule of Next Meeting

The next regular FRSG meeting is scheduled for 9:30 AM on October 1, 2008, in Oswego.

Adjourned

The meeting adjourned about 2:35 PM. Minutes prepared by P. Anderson