

**Fox River Study Group
Board of Directors Meeting
Fox Metro Water Reclamation District
9:30 AM October 13, 2011**

The meeting began at 9:30 with the following in attendance:

Cindy Skrukud, Tom Muth, Ken Anderson, Will Gillespie, Karen Clementi, Randy Hummer, Bob Trueblood, Eric Schoeny, Philippe Moreau, Alena Bartosova and Kyla Jacobsen.

- Minutes of September 1 meeting were unanimously approved on a motion by Bob Trueblood, seconded by Tom Muth.
- Treasurer's report- Tom
 - August and September month end financials were distributed
 - A motion was made to pay Reprographics for the RiverWatch poster (\$49.10) and the final payment to the auditor (\$2500) and was unanimously approved on a motion by Bob Trueblood, seconded by Tom Muth
- Chair's report-Cindy
 - Annual meeting draft agenda – still waiting to finalize speakers. 10/27 at Fox Metro.
 - Nitrate Sensor offer from USGS – we will look at Jim's data to see if it makes sense to put it out in the river. Cindy will let the USGS know that we are interested and get more info.
 - Website update – some stuff has been added, needs to be completed. Kyla to get the minutes to Becky for updating.
 - NPDES info request – Bob got Alena's draft letter, but hasn't reviewed it yet. Needs to get it out. Add the NPDES info request letter into the agenda at the annual meeting. Also add any other water quality data.
- ISWS Report – Alena & Will
 - Alena –
 - The sampling was completed as of 9/30/11. Spoke about a last ditch “data collection” in Montgomery, low flow, but not THE low flow. Reviewing all the data, flow calculations, removing equipment.
 - Randy reported that the river downstream of the dam at Route 47 has had low DO since the dam work was completed.
 - Discussion as to whether FRSG wants to keep stream gauges in place and maintain. We will need to know what is where and what will be the cost to maintain and gather data. Big Thank you from ISWS to FRSG for all the help.
 - Will -
 - Presentation of data separating the mainstem and adding the imperviousness. Raised flow up to 2%. Looked at the concentration of some constituents, but have not looked at loading yet.
- Next Steps Discussion
 - Low flow monitoring plans -
 - Discussion about impact of load and low flow concentrations.

- Operation of Stratton Dam is going to impact flow regardless of drought conditions.
- Low flow will have the most impact SO we will need to include this testing, WHEN IT HAPPENS.
- Discussion:
 - Info on hot spots – from Jim once all data is reviewed
 - Coordinating with IEPA efforts – USEPA has addressed the fact that IEPA does not have water quality parameters for discharge
 - Discussion on how FRSG is going to move forward to implement policy and projects to help IEPA meet the EPA mandate –
 - Goal is to get the Fox River off the impaired water's list.
 - Run scenarios with the HSPF model
 - Enthusiastic and positive about all the data collected
 - Get funding for projects in the watershed to show impacts/improvements?
 - All the dams have created a series of pools that all have unique challenges
 - IEPA will be doing river wide sampling in 2012
- Next meeting- December 1 at 9:30 Fox Metro WRD
(ERIC – it's your wife's birthday)