

**Fox River Study Group
Board of Directors Meeting
Fox Metro Water Reclamation District
9 AM January 12, 2012**

The meeting began at 9:10 with the following in attendance:

Cindy Skrukud, Tom Muth, Will Gillespie, Randy Hummer, Bob Trueblood, Eric Schoeny, Jim Slowikowski, Rob Linke, Jack Russell, Matt Bardol, Ken Anderson, Philippe Moreau, Karen Clementi and Kyla Jacobsen. John Lamb from St. Charles attended as a guest.

- Minutes of December 1st meeting were unanimously approved on a motion by Bob Trueblood, seconded by Eric Schoeny.
- Treasurer's report- Tom
 - Request for payment of \$300 to Hoag for website was unanimously approved on a motion by Tom Muth, seconded by Ken Anderson.
 - Invoices to local supporters have not been sent. Cindy will draft some bullet points to include as our accomplishments update. Will plan to have out by end of January
- Chair's report-Cindy
 - Modeling Proposal Amendment – reviewed the document. We voted in December to authorize Cindy to sign
 - Nitrate sensor offer from USGS – They want to put it in an area open on the Fox or a tributary. They would like us to support it with \$9500/year (which is mostly salary). USGS would cover purchase of equipment. Discussion determined that there is little need for this monitoring. There was a motion to decline which was unanimously approved on a motion by Bob Trueblood, seconded by Kyla Jacobsen.
 - Final report for 2010 riverboat grant – Ken will start and work with Cindy to complete
- ISWS report- Will and Jim
 - Will –
 - Circulated data from the top 10 WWTP discharges in the watershed. We have not received many of the data requests for the NPDES data. Cindy will f/u with Crystal Lake, Wauconda, Northern Moraine, Gilberts and Algonquin. Kyla will f/u with Carpentersville. Byron will f/u with Geneva, Bob will f/u with Lake-in-the-Hills and Jack will f/u with E. Dundee
 - There was a request from the IEPA for a signed copy of the page for data from the groups that DO monitoring. This was completed.
 - Jim -
 - Data collection/organization going smoothly
 - Need to get our arms around a low flow event. IEPA/DNR major basin

every 5 year intensive monitoring rotation due this year. Why couldn't the sampling (currently being done by ISWS) be done by IEPA while they are there? IEPA sites are all prescribed by location/date. Could we get this protocol to occur during "low flow" and that could suffice? Too cumbersome? Maybe FRSG volunteers would be a more viable option.;

- Will put a timeline together and proposal – shifting flow level/trigger from Dayton-Algonquin to Montgomery-Algonquin
- Discussion about the FAA spill into the Fox in Aurora

- Bob Trueblood submitted his 2012 appointment letter. Everyone else needs to get theirs in.
- Goals & Workplan Review
 - Where are we, where do we want to be?
 - IEPA – is the trend to technology based standards or Water Quality stds?
 - Permits are looking at Total Phosphorus and total Nitrogen. No mention of TMDL in the permits.
 - Discussion about blending effluent which is currently allowed and meets permit standards
 - FRSG was coming in advance of TMDL – alternative TMDL operation. Looked at what scenarios we are interested in for the benefit of the Fox River. After the scenarios, will we be poised to make management recommendations to IEPA? Yes! A defensible comprehensive solution is the answer.
 - We decided that we would invite Al and Sanjay to a meeting. They still support the FRSG. We want to meet with IEPA to find out what their direction is
 - We will continue this discussion in February.
 - Stakeholders and FRSG support and how to help
 - Words to paper on how we think we are going to take this to decision makers.
- Next meeting is February 9th at 9 AM at Fox Metro.
- Adjourn at 11:15