

**Fox River Study Group
Board of Directors Meeting
Fox Metro Water Reclamation District
MINUTES July 23, 2015**

In attendance: board members –Rob Linke, Candice Jacobs, Gary Swick, Tom Muth, Bob Trueblood, Cindy Skrukrud, Eric Schoeny, Byron Ritchason

guests: Alena Bartosova, Randy Hummer, Jack Russell, Karen Clementi, Dustin Gallagher, Mike Harvey, Art Malm, Ed Coggin, Sai Archana Kuchimanchi, Dan Blum, Dan Lobbes, Greg Rokos, Pete Wallers, Beth Vogt, Scott Bell (via telephone), Amy Walkenbach, Bob Morris, John Frerich, Dean Thorsen, Maggie St. Clair, Emma Kohl, Matt Bardol, Carl Fischer

- Introductions
- Minutes
 - Tabled to next meeting. Motion to table by Bob, seconded by Gary. Motion passed unanimously.
- Treasurer’s Report – Tom
 - Financial report - balance as of 06/30/15 is \$112,077.99. Deposits from City of Aurora and Fox River WRD.
 - Audit payment of \$2500 to Borhart Spellmeyer, Motion by Bob to approve, seconded by Byron. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Limnotech Pay Request #19 in the amount of \$7412.39. Motion by Bob to approve, seconded by Byron. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Motion to approve the audit by Bob, seconded by Byron. Motion passed unanimously.
 - 2014 In-Kind reports discussion. Should be complete.
 - Limnotech requested additional authorization of funds for additional services for attending extra meetings. Motion to approve the request of additional \$9,000 by Bob, seconded by Rob. Motion approved unanimously.
- Chair’s Report– Cindy
 - IL Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy was released on Tuesday.
 - Plans for Reviewing Draft FRIP
 - Board to conduct a preliminary review.
 - IEPA to receive a copy for preliminary review also.
 - First comments due by Tuesday August 4, 2015.
 - Set up a Google doc divided into sections.
 - Doodle poll to set up an in person meeting for mid-August before next board meeting.
- Monitoring availability offered by Carpentersville
 - Maintaining consistency between any volunteer sampling.
 - Specific data needs should be discussed on future conference call.
 - Long-term monitoring plan development.
- USACOE is finished with their bathymetric study of the dam areas and will be supplied to the group for future use. Alena will add it to the ISWS archive upon receipt.
- Subcommittees
 - MS4 subcommittee –

- Discussion of P reductions by group (Ag, MS4, WWTPs), how much should each group reduce by % with regard to the total loading by entity.
 - Need costs to decide where best to use the funds, costs will be incorporated into the FRIP.
 - Setting goals for MS4 communities for reductions and then find the most cost effective mechanism to achieve goals.
 - IEPA is supportive of a nutrient trading strategy if the group wants to explore trading within the watershed.
 - CSO LTCPs and the role within load reduction strategies. Group should review draft report first to decide if and how CSOs should be included in the FRIP.
 - “Urban sources” should be defined as CSOs and MS4s.
 - Limnotech needs a number for % reductions from each group (Ag, Urban Sources, WWTP).
 - Limnotech to provide cost estimates next week of 1%, 5%, 10%, and 20% of the total load to be reduced from the urban sources.
 - Costs are needed for all removal options to compare cost-effectiveness for the cost per pound of P.
- Ag BMPs subcommittee – Candice
 - August 19 from 10-12 at Kane County Farm Bureau will be a discussion on Ag BMPs with multiple agencies; Candice sending out invitations.
 - Will use the Statewide Nutrient Strategy as a guide
- Presentation on Brown Algae Blooms on the Fox River – Karen Clementi
- Next meetings
 - TBD meeting in mid-August to discuss draft FRIP
 - Regular board meeting on August 27, 9:30 AM, Fox Metro