

**Fox River Study Group
Board of Directors Meeting
Fox Metro Water Reclamation District
9:30 AM April 25, 2019 MINUTES**

Call to order at 9:30 a.m.

Introductions

Board Members Present: Megan Andrews, Art Malm, Tom Muth, Mark Phipps, Cindy Skrukrud, Bob Trueblood

In attendance: Tim Wilson, Jillian Kiss, Chris Walden, Bob Morris, Jack Russell, Clint Bailey, Beth Vogt, Holly Hudson, Megan Milosek, Eric Weis, Carl Fischer, Mike Ott, Maggie Soliz, Deanna Doohaulk, Joe Severson, Chris Frederick, Mike Casper, Karen Clementi

On the call: Faye Sinnott, Aaron Poresky from Geosyntec, Mike Kies from St. Charles PD

Approval of the minutes from February meeting. Motion made Bob, second by Mark. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial report

- Contributions by: East Dundee, Wauconda, Sandwich, Algonquin, Cary, Yorkville, Plano, St. Charles, Geneva. Tom will follow-up with the municipalities that have not contributed this year.
- Tom recommended moving some of the FRSG funds from savings to Certificates of Deposit to obtain better interest rates. Motion by Bob to move \$50,000.00 to a one-year CD and \$50,000.00 to an 18-month CD, second by Mark. Motion passed unanimously.
- Bills to pay:
Geosyntec for \$6,841.65, modeling contract from December-March; FRWRD for \$6,050.00, reimbursement of the USGS Stratton Dam gauge; Deuchler Engineering for \$900.25, technical liaison contract from February and March. Motion by Art, second by Megan. Motion passed unanimously.

BMP Prioritization Tool Presentation

Geosyntec Aaron Poresky BMP prioritization tool on the Mill Creek Watershed -- planning framework. Where to place BMPs in the watershed to be most effective. Pollutant weighting to create priority. Developed a "heat map". Identify high opportunity parcels and right of ways with feasibility for BMP installation. Used existing land use and existing owners for this tool. CMAP is adding future land use information from comprehensive plans to get ahead of the new development while adding BMPs in these high opportunities. Overlay of catchment prioritization and parcel opportunities was used to identify 55 priority parcels. Any threshold can be used to suit the user's needs. Should be available in a shareable format for multiple users to collaborate. Cost per unit of load reduction can be calculated for use in project ranking. Goal to get this piece done and incorporate into the CMAP watershed plan or as an addendum to the plan. Mill Creek watershed plan to be complete by Sept. 2019. Can FRSG be evaluating lifecycle costs and incorporate into the next FRIP?

Modeling/Monitoring Committee Update

- Trends report -- hard copies for board members. Pdf on website.

- QUAL2K -- call on April 1. Validation completed. Sensitivity analysis was authorized, per last FRSG meeting. Issue with P load calculations changes. Fixed to be more representative of real conditions.
- Discussion of sestonic chlorophyll data. Which data sets to use. Tabled to committee for future conference call discussion.

Communications Committee Updates

- One Earth Film Festival
- Fox River Summit -- data sharing and discussion
- Bluestem final report received yesterday. Release final payment.
- Work on RFP for focus group recommendation
- Annual report completed March 25, 2019. Sent to email list and posted on website.
- IDNR letter sent on March 8, 2019. Call from Andrew at ACOE was cc'ed on the letter. They are trying to get IDNR going again on all the projects in this working agreement. April 4 letter to IDNR from ACOE. FOFR to send a letter also.

Fox River Flood Commission

IDNR-led. Collaborate in communities. Bimonthly meetings. Needs assessment survey is in the works. Strategy and schedule for cooperation. Report due by the end of the year. Local knowledge sharing. Next meeting in June in Aurora and are open to public.

Capital budget appropriation

Ensure funding put in place for clean water infrastructure needs. Cindy testified a month or so ago in favor. On agenda for hearing meeting in Chicago next Monday. \$1B+ worth of need. MWRD Commissioner to testify. Beth to develop a fact sheet for use. Agency members to send to Beth for meeting the limit 1.0 mg/l from feasibility studies (p. 34-35). Deanna to give DRSCW data. Most watershed groups have put together this information previously. Salt Creek POTWs are \$200M of capital improvements alone. Send to local legislators also. Cindy -- IDNR capital request: includes more funds for dam safety removal, state managed dam and waterway projects. FRSG/Fox River communities should consider supporting IDNR request. Art: Discussion of comparing 0.1 mg/l treatment costs vs. other improvements. Ag BMPs and SWCD funding discussion

Upcoming Events

- Upper Fox River-Chain O' Lakes and Upper Fox River-Flint Creek Watershed TMDLs
 - Public Meeting- Tuesday, May 14, 2019 (1:30 - 3:30 pm) at the Fox Waterway Agency
45 S. Pistakee Lake Road Fox Lake, Illinois
 - Comments due June 14, 2019
 - [Public Notice \(corrected\)](#)
 - [Draft TMDL Report-Upper Fox River-Chain O'Lakes](#)
 - [Draft TMDL Report-Upper Fox River-Flint Creek](#)
- FREP May 8 Rights of Way working group

Next meeting- May 23, 9:30 am at Fox Metro

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.