

**Fox River Study Group
Board of Directors Meeting
Fox Metro Water Reclamation District
August 25, 2016 Minutes**

In attendance: Bob Trueblood, Kyla Jacobsen, Gary Swick, Tom Muth, Byron Ritchason, Cindy Skrukrud, Mark Phipps, Megan Andrews, Rob Linke

Guests: Karen Clementi, John Frerich, Jack Russell, Beth Vogt, Ken Krueger, Maggie Soliz, Fran Caffee, John Willis, Dan Bounds, Cyrus McMains, Jillian Kiss, Mike Ott, Laura Marcasciane, Clint Bailey, Jon Lagemen, Tim Wilson, Sai Archana Kuchimanchi

- Introductions
- Minutes
 - July 28, 2016 minutes – approved unanimously on a motion by Bob Trueblood, seconded by Gary Swick
 - Cindy will get pdf of all 2016 minutes to Becky Hoag to get on website.
- Treasurer’s Report – Tom
 - Financial report – balance as of 7/31/16 is \$244,152.36
 - 2015 Audit, IRS 990 and IL 990. Complete. Motion to accept made by Bob Trueblood, seconded by Byron Ritchason and passed unanimously.
 - \$15 payment due with submittal of IL 990 to AG office – motion to pay by Bob Trueblood, seconded by Megan Andrews and passed unanimously.
 - partial payment to auditors – motion was made by Bob Trueblood, seconded by Mark Phipps and passed unanimously to pay the auditors (Borhart Spellmeyer) partial payment of \$2500.
- Discussion Items
 - Payment schedule agreement with FRWRD for USGS gage-this is deferred to the September agenda.
 - Benthic algal investigations-Karen and DEI got ready to go and then the rains came. Didn't have 2 days time to complete sampling. Now cool at night and pH has gone down. If the conditions become favorable, samples will be taken. The gage from the USGS is collecting data. When flows get low, DO probe gets silt in it and has to be serviced.
 - Status of the dam removals – everything is stopped on all fronts right now due to state funding. Cindy stated that she was going to reach out to Rita Lee to check the status.
 - Draft presentation for USEPA- Cindy emailed a copy along with the agenda and minutes for this meeting. Please review script (slides haven't changes) and send comments to Cindy via email by September 1st.
 - Update on MS4 permits from IEPA-Cindy and Rob were unable to be on the call, but Dan Bounds was on the call yesterday as a rep of the IWEA watershed group. 7 IEPA staff were on the call. Several watershed groups were represented. IWEA will gather a set of FAQ. They stated that there will be no new requirements in the permit during this 5-year permit cycle. Question about monitoring in the permit – if a permit holder participates in a regional watershed program, it satisfies the monitoring requirement (FRSG qualifies). There will be notes available from this call. Dan will let everyone know when the next call is scheduled.
 - Annual meeting agenda –

- Do we want to have a focus on MS4s for our annual meeting presentation? That seems like it would be beneficial to the audience. Include a discussion about the examples of BMPs. Go over the tool, pull out a list of the BMPs that the tool can calculate. Kane County could talk about their MS4 program. Aurora is doing a lot on storm water BMPs. FOFR will tie in with Aurora (education program that gets kids in the stream to collect data – meat of the effort is the stewardship and engagement). Gary and Mark will coordinate.
 - USGS will talk about their sonde
 - Karen on algae monitoring? Yes, placeholder if monitoring happens in 2016.
 - Point sources? Tom will talk about the expansion and what they are doing.
 - Groups are able to put up displays in Batavia council meeting room.
- Reports on past & future presentations
 - FVOA Aug 18 presentation-Bob – BMPs and keeping track of those was a question received. We should include a list in presentations. Rob will send something to Bob for inclusion.
 - IWEA – nutrient removal and recovery workshop 9/7 – Bob will attend.
 - W Dundee – there will be a future presentation to their council. Bob & Beth will set up.
 - Water 2016 Conference Oct 26- Cindy
 - Chicago Wilderness Congress Nov. 2- FRSG, DRSCW & Hickory Cr Watershed Planning Group. Submitted a joint proposal on water as a resource. Haven't heard if the proposal was accepted.
- Meeting with the USEPA - Cindy will reach out to schedule.
- Next meeting
 - 9:30 am, September 29
 - Annual Meeting October 27 at Batavia City Hall
- Adjourned at 10:25 am.