

**Fox River Study Group
Board of Directors Meeting
Fox Metro Water Reclamation District
9:30 AM February 23, 2017**

Board members: Mark Phipps, Cindy Skrukrud, Robert Trueblood, Tom Muth, Byron Ritchason, Rob Linke, Gary Swick (on the phone), Megan Andrews

Guests: Randy Hummer, Clint Bailey, Carl Fischer, Jeff Freeman, Jillian Kiss, Mike Machesky , Bob Sasman, Rick Forner, Leonard Dane, Deanna Doohaluk, Candice Jacobs, Ken Krueger, Art Malm, Mike Ott, Christa Vont Hol, Eric Weck,

- Minutes
 - January 26, 2017 minutes - motion to approve, Bob Trueblood, seconded by Mark Phipps. Passed unanimously.

- Treasurer's Report – Tom
 - Financial report - \$270,201.33 Ending Balance as of 1/31/17.
 - Withdrawals not shown, Illinois Charity Bureau Fund (\$15.00), The Conservation Foundation (\$100.00)
 - Deposits Not Shown - Thanks went to the following communities for their annual financial support: City of St. Charles (\$6,700), village of Elburn (\$1,400.50) City of Batavia (\$6,250), Village of Barrington (\$2,600), Yorkville/Bristol S.D. (\$1,750)
 - City of Sandwich is interested in joining; Tom Muth will be speaking to them on March 20.

- Discussion Items
 - Elgin agreement –
 - Motion made by Bob Trueblood, seconded by Tom Muth to authorize Cindy Skrukrud to sign agreement with the City of Elgin. The agreement is for Elgin's continued support of the FRSG in the amount of \$25,000. Passed unanimously.

 - Fox River Study Group update for Illinois Nutrient Loss Strategy biennial report
 - It was suggested that this report or parts of it could be used as the required Annual Report to IEPA. Cindy asked for edits from the group.

 - Army Corps Fox River Habitat & Connectivity Study update
 - The cost estimate received from the Army Corps to complete the project is \$600,000 which would require a \$210,000 local match. It was determined that more detail on the remaining project tasks would be needed to come to any consensus. Cindy will reach out to the Army Corps for more information.

- ISWS Scope of Work: update of database, analysis of data – Review of Phase I report, plans for new report
 - A PowerPoint presentation was given by Mike Machesky highlighting some of the updates that will be made to the Phase I report. The presentation will be made available on the FRSG website.
 - Scope of Work
 - Update the Fox River Water Quality Database with all submitted and otherwise solicited water quality related data through 12/31/16 by 7/15/17.
 - Analyze this updated database for temporal and spatial trends in nutrient-related water quality parameters over the period 1998 through 2016. Deliver a draft report (and an accompanying Executive Summary) of this analysis to the FRSG by 5/1/18, and a final report and Executive Summary within 2 months after the end of the comment period.
 - Continue to update the Fox River Database until the end of the proposed project period (1/31/19).

- ISWS contract paperwork in works
 - Motion made by Bob Trueblood, seconded by Tom Muth giving Cindy Skrukrud authorization to sign agreement with ISWS for updating the current Fox River database in the amount of \$16,547.00. As part of the Motion, Cindy Skrukrud was also authorized to negotiate terms and conditions with ISWS. Passed unanimously.

- Modeling Committee working on RFP
 - Cindy stated committee is working on draft to present to the Board.

- Upcoming Fox River-related events & public meetings
 - **March 2-** IWEA Watershed Management Committee – MS4 Program Update call with Cathy Demeroukas of IEPA 10-11:30 am: Call in: [1-312-667-4792](tel:1-312-667-4792) Attendee Code: 153233 (Listen Only)
 - **March 2-** [Metra public hearing](#) on Milwaukee West Line Fox River bridge improvements in Elgin 5-7:30 pm at The Centre-Elgin
 - **March 2-** [Fox River Corridor Plan Open House](#) 4:30-7 pm in Cary
 - **March 6-** [One Earth Film Festival](#) 7-9 pm in Aurora, draft handout
 - **March 10-** [Fox River Summit](#), all day in Burlington, WI

- Next meeting
 - 9:30 am- Apr 13 - to be held at Fox River WRD West, 1957 N. LaFox/Rt. 31, South Elgin.