

**Fox River Study Group  
Board of Directors Meeting  
MINUTES  
September 24, 2015**

In attendance:

Board members—Kyla Jacobsen, Bob Trueblood, Tom Muth, Cindy Skrukrud, Byron Ritchason, Eric Schoeny and Rob Linke

Others – Ken Krueger, Jeff Freeman, John Lamb, Mike Ott, Abel Haile, Scott Bell, Beth Vogt, Pete Wallers, Greg Rokos, Carl Fischer, Bob Morris, Art Malm, Archana Kuchimanchi, Maggie Soliz, Mike Bruno, Dustin Gallagher, John Frerich, Karen Clementi, Amy Underwood, Randy Hummer, Bob VanGyseghem.

- Introductions
- Minutes
  - August 27, 2015 minutes - approved with edits on a motion by Bob Trueblood, seconded by Tom Muth and passed unanimously
- Treasurer's Report – Tom
  - Financial report ending balance as of 8/31/15 is \$102,181.27
  - Limnotech invoice #21- \$4962.50. Motion to approve on a motion by Bob Trueblood, seconded by Eric Schoeny and passed unanimously.
  - ISWS request to reallocate up to \$700 of current funding to cover Alena's travel expenses to FRSG meetings. It does not increase the budget. Scope remaining is just continuing to review things as we move forward on the FRIP. Current contract is thought to be through the end of the year and we will revisit the contract. The board has no objections.
- Chair's Report– Cindy
  - Kane Co. Riverboat grant \$50,000. This was emailed to the board. Motion to approve receipt of the grant was made by Bob Trueblood, seconded by Tom Muth and passed unanimously.
  - Oct. 29 Annual meeting plans. We will go over the draft and the comments. Scott Bell will put together materials and Cindy will make the presentation. We have invited other groups to have tables at the event. Discussion on whether we want any other presentations other than the FRIP such as ACoFE update on their study, North Aurora and C'ville dam removals. We decided to focus on the FRIP. Cindy will put together an email flier to send out and invite.
  - FRIP input survey: <http://goo.gl/forms/aNMMP4L2hS> comment deadline is October 9th.
  - Summer Low Flow monitoring- Karen - to field test some of the things that the model is suggesting and that the board wishes to confirm. Algonquin and S Elgin are 2 critical sites. Sullivan Rd would be the benchmark site. Will require 2 teams to get to the sites in the same day. If 2 additional teams, we could also add a couple additional sites, in close proximity. Karen sent out the proposed budget. Costs are in the \$50-80K range. Know what you want to do with the data will help determine what you need to sample for. The QWAPP will need to be updated to reference any sampling changes. Scott

suggested deploying ADCP (hydroacoustic current meter similar to a sonar, attempting to measure water current velocities over a depth range) only time consuming to get it set up.

- Limnotech
  - USACE bathymetry data - covers ~19 miles of the river. Army Corps ran transects and shot sounding. This data gives a lot of information of what is going on above the dams.
  - FRIP draft 2 discussion -
    - LT was working on comments from 8 or 9 individuals that were minor
    - FRIP will not include numeric reductions from MS4s and Ag units
    - IEPA is recommending that the FRIP include statements that the numeric reductions will be revisited in the future after model refinement.
    - IEPA would like to see some BMPs from MS4s. The FRIP action plan does include suggestion that MS4s will implement BMPs and report annually. There will be language in the MS4 general permits issued by IEPA, so the FRIP should reference that. The FRIP says for MS4 to "Reduce Phosphorous load and track and report load reduction efforts" section 5.8.5 (retention and detention, street sweeping, leaf collection, etc is already being done.). There are upstream and downstream monitoring requirements in the new permits. We discussed how to address MS4s in the action plan in FRIP section 6.9.
    - Bob suggests that the FRIP include language that the 1.0 mg/L phosphorus limit fits with the Illinois Nutrient Loss Strategy.
    - We have identified that the model is not 100% effective at determining the solution and we will have to do additional modeling work.
    - LT will not incorporate any comments until the board agrees on something and sends as a collective.
    - A comment was made that perhaps an executive summary would be helpful
    - Cindy will send a doodle for a couple phone calls before our next meeting.
- Next meetings
  - October 22, 9:30 AM, Fox Metro - discussion of specific issues that the FRIP needs to be resolved.
  - Annual Meeting, October 29, 9:30 AM, Batavia City Hall

Adjourned at 11:42