

**Fox River Study Group**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**9:30 AM January 31, 2019**  
*via conference call*

Introductions

Board members: Bob Trueblood, Tom Muth, Mark Phipps, Art Malm, Cindy Skrukrud, Rob Linke, Megan Andrews

Others: Karen Clementi, Deanna Doohaluk, Carl Fischer, Beth Vogt, Mike Millette, Bob Morris, Mike Kies, Laura Marcasciano, Rishab Majahan, Jack Russell, Faye Sinnott, Chris Walton, Holly Hudson, Mohammed Haque

Minutes

Approval of Minutes of December 13 meeting. Motion by Bob, Tom second. Passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Tom

- Bills to pay- Tom had sent out report. No questions. Tom requested payment of bills: Bluestem \$7,967.29, ISWS \$4,136.00, Geosyntec-\$3122.50, The Conservation Foundation (for One Earth Film Fest) \$100. Motion by Bob, second by Rob to approve payment. Mark P- Bluestem invoice: few items to address on final report. Communications Committee will let Tom know when to make the Bluestem's payment, rest will be paid promptly. Passed unanimously.
- Karen and Cindy have updated report to communities. Tom will send out invoices this month. Will include Update letter & Factsheet to share with community.
- Cindy requested entities share updated email addresses for the FRSG notifications email list.

Modeling/Monitoring Committee

- ISWS Trends Report- Trends report original due date was January 31, 2019. ISWS needs time to finalize editing and print the document. They anticipate the report will be finalized in February. ISWS has issued no cost extension request to extend until March 31, 2019 just in case more time is needed. Mark made a motion authorize extension, second by Megan. Motion passes.
- QUAL2K model calibration update- Rishab updated that the committee's concerns and questions regarding model calibration at a number of stations had been addressed. A revised presentation and summary document was provided to FRSG on 01/30/19 for the committee's review. Geosyntec has improved the calibration. Geosyntec will provide the validation results soon. Geosyntec recommends they do sensitivity analysis now to look at upstream boundary and nonpoint sources to better understand this issue separate from the scenarios. Purpose is to help Modeling Committee make decision for authorizing Phase 2 management scenario work.

Art asked if USGS station data could be incorrect. Karen answered that a very rigorous QAQC procedure is employed by USGS and for other gaging stations in area. Any erroneous data is removed from dataset.

Mark made a motion to authorize shifting the \$16,000 from Phase 2 to Phase 1 for conducting the sensitivity analysis, second by Rob dependent on what committee decided. Passed unanimously.

The Monitoring Committee will set up call with Geosyntec to discuss after the validation results are ready. Art will join the committee.

### Communications Committee

- Brief recap of Communications Committee call on 01/30/19 that discussed Bluestem Communications Focus Groups Report. Committee would like to receive proposals from Bluestem and other entities for future outreach and marketing efforts. Scope, task list and timeline to be prepared by the committee.
- DuPage River Salt Creek Workgroup (DRSCW) & IDNR are creating comprehensive dam map for NE IL. DRSCW will send the map to us to distribute for others to review and add dams. Faye reported that Flint and Spring creeks have many small dams to add. Deanna said DRSCW could report to FRSG on this work which is part of their stressor analysis once it is completed.
- Mar. 4 OEFF table staffing will be Cindy, Tom and Art.

### FRSG Annual Report

Report is due to IEPA on March 31. Writing team of Karen and Cindy will have draft for review by next board meeting.

### Upcoming Events

- Nutrient Assessment Reduction Plan (NARP) Panel Discussion at Illinois Wastewater Professionals Conference, Feb. 13 3:30-4pm, Springfield Crown Plaza [illinoiswpc.org](http://illinoiswpc.org)
- FREP Noon Network- February 13, 2019, Noon to 1:30 PM/ Program: Morton Arboretum – Natural Areas Conservation Training (N-ACT) Overview
- KaneDuPage SWCD Winter Seminar, Feb. 26, Elgin Community College [kanedupageswcd.org/workshops.htm](http://kanedupageswcd.org/workshops.htm)
- One Earth Film Fest-*The Human Element*, Mar. 4, Waubensee Community College, Aurora [www.foxriverecosystem.org/film.htm](http://www.foxriverecosystem.org/film.htm)
- Fox River Summit, Mar. 22, Burlington WI [www.southeastfoxriver.org/foxriversummit](http://www.southeastfoxriver.org/foxriversummit)

Next meeting- February 28, 9:30 am at Fox Metro

Adjourned at 10:22am.