

**Fox River Study Group
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Fox Metro Water Reclamation District
9:30 AM January 25, 2018**

- Introductions
 - Board members: Bob Trueblood, Mark Phipps, Tom Muth, Rob Linke, Megan Andrews, Byron Richason, Cindy Skrukruud, Art Malm
 - Others: Dan Blum, Ken Krueger, Mike Ott, Cyrus McMains, Jeff Freeman, Christa Vant Hul, Scott LaVarre, Stephen McCracken, Sai Archana, Jessica Mino, Carl Fischer, Rishab Mahajan, Eric Weck, Beth Vogt, Clint Bailey, Bon VanGyseghem, Tim Wilson, Randy Hummer, Karen Clementi, Steve Pescitelli

- Minutes of Dec. 21, 2017 meeting – Motion to accept by Bob Trueblood, Second by Mark Phipps. Approved unanimously.

- Treasurer’s Report – Tom Muth
 - Financial report
 - Bills to pay
 - Geosyntec Dec. 2017 invoice- \$1047.50 and USGS \$2,840.11 Motion to accept by Rob Linke, Seconded by Mark Phipps. Approved unanimously.
 - 2017 audit- Tom will bring more information to February meeting. Cindy requested board members get their 2017 in-kind time in now.
 - Tom will get invoices out to community supporters.

- Discussion Items
 - Board members were requested to submit their 2018 letters of appointment. Cindy welcomed Art Malm to the board as the Friends of the Fox River’s new representative.
 - Army Corps Fox River Habitat & Connectivity Study update- Cindy reported the Corps’ Office of Counsel is drafting a memo on the FRSG’s eligibility to become the local sponsor of the study.
 - Steve Pescitelli reported that the IDNR Office of Water Resources is moving forward on using Dam Safety funds for the removal of the Carpenter dam. He indicated that there may also be an opportunity for North Aurora to renew their intergovernmental agreement with IDNR on the removal of their dam.
 - Communications work update – The Communication Committee has been in discussions with Bluestem Communications for their assistance in putting together programs to share with the Public/Municipalities.
 - Geosyntec modeling work update- Rishab Mahajan reported on their work to-date. LimnoTech would not share the source code they used for the model since it came from an academic source. Geosyntec has a workable solution to this issue. They have also been reviewing the available data. They will have further updates at the February meeting.

- Wastewater facility data request- Beth reported that she has received some of the data requested. Rishab asked for us to also obtain data from the major facilities on tributaries streams. Many present offered to help reach out to obtain that data.
- IEPA draft #2 NPDES conditions for Fox watershed major wastewater treatment facilities. Each Special Condition was discussed (1-8) and everyone had the opportunity to ask Amy Dragovich of IEPA questions regarding them.
 - SC #1 – A due date of Dec. 31 2022 was agreed on for item B.
 - SC# 2 – FRSG will provide an explanation of its ambient monitoring program for IEPA and USEPA.
 - SC #3 – 7 Amy responded to City of Sandwich concerns that the conditions in their draft permit will not change.
 - SC #8 – It was recommended that subsection (c) be removed.
 - FRSG will write up an explanation for IEPA and USEPA on of the use of annual average in SC #7 and annual geometric mean in SC #8.
- Administrative/technical assistance
Discussion was had regarding assistance with administrative duties such as succession planning, agenda's, minutes, invoices, grant work etc. DEI will put together a proposal to assist with these duties.
- Next meeting dates-
 - Feb. 22 at 9:30 am
 - Mar 22 meeting has been moved to 1:30 pm.
- Upcoming dates
 - March 5- One Earth Film Festival, Waubensee Community College, Aurora Downtown Campus [Details](#)
 - March 8- Illinois Pollution Control Board Brown Bag Noon-1pm, Thompson Center, Chicago
 - March 23-Fox River Summit, Burlington WI