

**Fox River Study Group
Board of Directors Meeting
Fox Metro Water Reclamation District
MINUTES August 27, 2015**

In attendance

board members: Rob Linke, Candice Jacobs, Gary Swick, Tom Muth, Bob Trueblood, Cindy Skrukud, Eric Schoeny, Byron Ritchason

guests: Alena Bartosova, Scott Bell, Amy Walkenbach, Amy Underwood, John Frerich, Bob VanGyseghem, Ken Krueger, Clint Bailey, Art Malm, Ed Coggin, Jillian Kiss, Greg Rokos, Pete Wallers, Randy Hummer, Jack Russell, Bernie Held, John Wills, Dominic Gattone, Mike Dit, Dan Blum, Dustin Gallagher, John Lamb, Beth Vogt, Jim Rospopo, Ken Anderson, Carl Fischer

Everyone introduced themselves.

Minutes

June 25, 2015 and Jul 23, 2105 minutes approved on motion by Bob Trueblood and seconded by Tom Muth. Passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Tom

- Invoices to be paid: Limnotech pay request No. 19 for \$7,417.39. Motion made by Bob Trueblood, seconded by Rob Linke. Passed unanimously.
- Hard copies of audit were distributed.
- Financial Report – Ending balance \$104,672.82. Thanks to Aurora and FRWRD for donations.

Chair's Report– Cindy

- Annual Meeting October 29th at City of Batavia Council Chambers Presentations begin at 10:00 am.
- FRSG AG Meeting update: Certification Program was discussed for landowners who become involved in implementing BMP's on properties. Would like to develop survey to record and track BMP's that are being implemented. Farm Bureaus could possibly send out annual surveys.
- Future FRSG Funding – Preliminary Discussion – will develop budget of expenditure needs in coming years.

Limnotech FRIP discussion– Scott

- 10- year implementation "action plan" – Limnotech submitted a draft 10-year "action plan". It was discussed that the FRSG needs a "funding plan" in order to fulfill any "action plans". IEPA & IDNR expecting to do "intense" Fox River monitoring in 2017. FRIP needs to be engaged with both entities in 2016 to potentially direct where samples are taken.
- Lengthy discussion regarding 319 grants and how projects stay eligible for them. A 25% P reduction from agriculture by 2025 statewide goal for both point source and non-point sources.
- Limnotech will be resubmitting action plan based on discussions at today's meeting.
- MS4 LOAD REDUCTION TARGET –IEPA expected FRIP to contain MS4 target load reductions while discussion now is that the FRIP simply recommend MS4s implement load reduction strategies, especially in new developments. Amy recommended phone conference soon with downstate IEPA staff. IEPA and Scott will set a time for a conference call, and they will let board know so available board members can call in.

- AFFORDABILITY DISCUSSION – affordability doesn't change what we have to do; it changes how long we have to do it.
- FRIP REVIEW SCHEDULE – Post FRIP draft 2 online when receive from Limnotech. Set up google doc or something similar for communities to use to commen. IEPA needs to know when we want this to go to USEPA. It was recommended IEPA send to FRIP to USEPA when made public.

Tentative schedule:

- Comments on draft 2 due Sept. 30
 - Comments compiled by Oct. 15
 - FRSG discussion on comments Oct. 22
 - Review FRIP and comments at Annual Meeting Oct. 29
 - FRIP draft 3 out by Nov. 19
 - FRIP draft 4 discussion Nov. 30
 - Finalize FRIP Dec. 17p
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- Next meetings
 - Sept. 24, 9:30 AM, Fox Metro
 - Oct. 22, 9:30 AM, Fox Metro
 - Annual meeting October 29th City of Batavia Council Chambers
 - Nov. 19, 9:30 AM, Fox Metro
 - Dec 17, 9:30 AM, Fox Metro