

**Fox River Study Group  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Fox Metro Water Reclamation District  
9:30 AM January 26, 2017**

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

Guests: Bob Sasman , Karen Clementi, Randy Hummer, Clint Bailey, Carolyn Koebel, Carl Fischer, Mike Ott, Steve Pescitelli, Ken Krueger, Christa VantHul, Eric Weck, Bob Morris

- Introductions
- Minutes
  - December 15, 2016 minutes - motion to approve by Mark Phipps, seconded by Tom Muth. Passed unanimously.
- Treasurer's Report – Tom
  - Financial report - \$270,178.38 is the ending year bank balance and 2017 invoices were passed out.
  - FRSG address is changed to Fox Metro address, no more PO box.
  - City of Sandwich is interested in joining, but they would like a presentation to the board. Tom Muth will conduct that.
- Discussion Items
  - Army Corps Fox River Habitat & Connectivity Study update - we are waiting to hear from them as to what the local cost share is to finish the study. We may help fund this. We are waiting to get information. Cindy will contact Steve Pescitelli about possibly working our financial support (if we decide to do this) through the existing IDNR-ACE funding agreement.
  - ISWS update of database, analysis of data- paperwork is going through for the contract for this work. Please read the Phase 1 report and focus on chapter 5&6 and appendices. Will discuss in February.
  - Modeling Committee memo to FRSG board - discussion of the memo sent by the Committee
    - add new data and recalibrate the model
    - Investigate and resolve the current inability of the model to simulate the large diet swings in DO
    - Dam removal
    - Scenarios we want to look at
      - Typical low flows above 7Q10 June-Sept
      - WWTPs at typical flows for summer months
      - Modeling dam removal and further WWTPs phosphorus reductions and impacts on algae and dissolved oxygen levels
    - Then potentially run the RFP past Alena and Steve McCracken
    - Target to get the draft RFP out before the April meeting. Target 3/15/17.
    - Only do steps 3&4 after we evaluate results from new data in steps 1&2

- FREP Request for FRSG to co-sponsor One Earth Film Fest, \$100 suggested sponsorship. Motion to co-sponsor in the amount of \$100 made by Kyla Jacobsen, seconded by Robert Trueblood and passed unanimously. Cindy will get address to mail the check. Tom Muth, Megan Andrews and Cindy Skrukrud will handle it. Karen will help with the flyer.
  - **Film:** Hometown Habitat
  - **Where:** Waubensee Community College's downtown campus Multipurpose Room,  
First floor, 18 S. River St., Aurora, IL
  - **When:** 7 PM, Monday, March 6, 2017
  - **Tickets:** Attendance is FREE, but tickets should be obtained at a link to soon be available off the One Earth Film Festival website. Those without tickets will be seated after the ticketholders, as space is available.
  - **Details:** Film Director Catherine Zimmerman will be present for a Q&A after the screening. The co-sponsors of this screening will present a **Sustainability Resource Fair**, to share information about actions filmgoers can make and resources for them to take back to their home and community.
- Approval of logo that Becky Hoag designed.
- Fox River Summit - Mar. 10 7:30 AM - 4:30 PM, Burlington WI [\\$35 advance tickets online](#)
- Nutrient Removal Major Facilities Performance Tracking - spreadsheet was send to the board. Trying to remind people to complete.

**Wastewater Facility Reps-**If you have not already done so, please fill out the attached survey about nutrient discharges at your facility. **Please submit by Jan. 31.**The purpose of this survey is to more accurately characterize what is happening with nutrient discharges from point sources throughout Illinois. This information will be presented in a Biennial Report on the progress Illinois is making on its Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy. This is an opportunity to highlight state-wide **and Fox River watershed** progress. (We know facilities in the Fox watershed are leaders in reducing phosphorus-we just need to capture that information!) The report will also include information on what the agriculture and stormwater sectors are doing to reduce nutrient pollution.

- If you are a member of IAWA, please return the spreadsheet to [Albert Cox](#) (MWRDGC), and [Rick Manner](#) (UCSD).

- If you are NOT a member of IAWA, return the spreadsheet to: [bweg1708@illinois.edu](mailto:bweg1708@illinois.edu)

- Next meeting
  - 9:30 am February 23
  - 2017 draft meeting schedule- 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday January-September, Annual Meeting Oct. 26, 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday November & December
    - Jan 26
    - Feb 23
    - Apr 13 at FRWRD in Elgin
    - May 25
    - Jun 22
    - Jul 27
    - Aug 24
    - Sept 28
    - Oct 26- Annual Meeting - Batavia city hall

Nov 16  
Dec 21

- Adjourned at 10:40 am.