

**Fox River Study Group  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Fox Metro Water Reclamation District  
November 21, 2019**

Introductions

Board Members: Cindy Skrukrud, Bob Trueblood, Tom Muth, Art Malm, Mark Phipps, Eric Weiss, Tim Wilson, Megan Andrews, Rob Linke

Attendees: Jack Russell, Rishab Mahajan, Lee Melcher, Carrie Carter, Holly Hudson, John Wills, Keith Powell, Mike Casper, Megan Miklosik, Jillian Kiss, Matt Bardol, Karen Clementi

Phone: Faye Sinnott, Carl Fischer

Housekeeping Items

Welcome to Tim Wilson! Tim is the new board member appointed to hold the Tri-Cities (Batavia, Geneva, St. Charles) seat.

September minutes forthcoming, will be approved at next meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Thanks to Barrington for their contribution.

Audit: Everything went well, Kudos to Cindy and Tom on their hard work. In-kind statements needed earlier. Ken Krueger at Crystal Lake going to continue collecting monthly samples even though he is retiring. Crystal Lake's equipment cost should be counted as in-kind contributions; Cindy to reach out to Crystal Lake to get the information.

Bills to pay: Geosyntec has submitted 2 bills and there is a USGS sonde reimbursement request to FRWRD.

- Geosyntec- September \$3,647.50, October- \$4,971.25
- FRWRD for USGS work-\$6050

Motion by Bob, second by Mark to approve payment of these 3 items. Motion passed unanimously.

Modeling and Monitoring Committees

Rishab supplied an update on Geosyntec's progress. They have taken the calibrated model and finished sensitivity analysis to inform management scenarios. They plan to get updated slides to

committee before Thanksgiving. They are working on modeling technical report to summarize work done from the start of contract through the sensitivity analysis, scheduled to complete by end of 2019. Geosyntec will also provide committee with initial scenario recommendations based on the initial FRSG list from the RFP.

Discussion of IWEA Watershed Management Committee call with Amy Dragovich – IEPA’s focus is on in-stream water quality targets levels vs. point source target levels. Nutrient Science Advisory Committee recommendations could be used as default values if groups do not want to develop their own NARP. Demonstrating ongoing progress is important and NARPs will be treated as a living document.

NLRS biannual report was released Monday.

### Meetings

Annual meeting recap. Board discussed moving to Elgin or Bartlett or St. Charles. Eric will check room availability in Elgin for October 29, 2020.

Board discussed 2020 meeting schedule. Meetings will continue to be held 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> in Nov. and December. Fox River summit is the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday in March 2020. Board agreed to skip March meeting unless needed.

### Communications Committee

Met with Aileron after FRSG annual meeting in October to give them the background on our group and work to date and objectives for future communications. They provided a proposal based on our discussion. The committee had a call on Wednesday, Nov. 20 to discuss proposal. The committee decided they wanted to proceed with Aileron’s “recommended approach” minus stock photos cost with the option to add a phone survey to the scope potentially in the future. Seeking board approval to refine proposal and a not to exceed fee of \$30,000.00 to Aileron. May want to add more services in future on task order basis if it goes well. Phone survey merits and timing was discussed. Motion by Bob for committee to refine the contract and execute with the board for a not-to-exceed amount of \$30,000.00, second by Art. Motion passed unanimously.

### Brief Updates

- Long Range Planning Committee meeting – needs to be scheduled. Karen to send doodle poll for 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> week in December.

- Cindy prepared a draft letter of support of Fabulous Fox River Trail from FRSG. Discussion of potential drawbacks. Cindy to ask Karen Miller to attend our next meeting. Folks encouraged to review website: <https://fabulousfoxwatertrail.org/>
- Officers discussion. We will discuss in early 2020.
- Army Corps Study. Cindy talked to John Rogner, IDNR Deputy Director yesterday. New federal programs liaison hiring is in progress and then that new person will be our point of contact. Fox River study will be a priority.
- Fox River Flood Commission meeting is on Dec. 17, 2019.
- FREP and Wisconsin Summit planning. Water quality meeting with both groups before next Fox River Summit.
- IDNR report on 2017 intensive basin study is forthcoming.

Summary: [The Fox River Basin Survey](#)

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- Board will invite IEPA to attend a meeting like they used to.
- NLRs Conference Dec. 3-4.
- FREP social holiday function at Dec. 4 at 4 p.m.

Next FRSG meeting is Dec. 19 here at Fox Metro.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.