

Fox River Study Group
Board of Directors Meeting MINUTES
Fox Metro WRD
June 27, 2019

Introductions

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

Attendees: Laura Marcasciano, Mike Ott, Scott LaVanne, Beth Vogt, Jack Russell, Chris Walton, Tim Holdeman, Dan Langguth, Holly Hudson, Matt Bardol, Rishab Mahajan, John Stein, Karen Clementi *via phone* Mike Casper, Faye Sinnott

Minutes

Approval of the May 23, 2019 meeting minutes. Motion by Bob, seconded by Mark. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Tom

Tom's financial report covered payments made and deposits of contributions from several municipalities and sanitary districts. He gave a recap of CDARS (1 year at 2.39%) and interest deposits. Tom will followup with the 2 agencies in arrears.

Invoices to pay:

Geosyntec \$4972.50, Sierra Club, Illinois Chapter \$79.45 (for conductivity probe & standard for Algonquin WWTP for FRSG monitoring effort), First Environmental Lab \$90, FRWRD for USGS contract \$6050, DEI \$415.50 for communications RFQ

Motion Mark to pay, second by Art. Motion approved unanimously.

E-vote was held to approve audit which is now underway:

Motion by Mark, second by Bob to have Porte Brown conduct our audit and IRS and State of Illinois filings.

AYES: Mark, Bob, Megan, Eric, Cindy, Rob

Cost will be \$5,300 with one-time fee of \$750-\$1,000 for the implementation of ASU 2016-14.

In-kind time is due by July 15.

Modeling/Monitoring Committee discussion

- The problems uncovered with how First Environmental Lab (FEL) processes chlorophyll *a* samples and the need to recalibrate the model were discussed. Geosyntec provided a change order for recalibration modeling effort of \$28,900, time = 161 hours. Motion to approve by Bob, second by Rob. Overall schedule delayed by approximately 4 to 6 weeks. Rishab reported this should improve reliability and usefulness of the model. Preliminary trial scenarios show an improvement as well. Art suggested that the funds are better used for more data collection. There was a discussion of existing data sets, expenditures to date and need for board approval before Geosyntec moves to the next phase of running scenarios. Cindy spoke with Amy Dragovich at IEPA. IEPA would just need a letter from FRSG of the revised schedule to satisfy the change in the due date for the modeling effort that is listed in facilities' NPDES permits. Motion passed 6 to 1 vote, Art voted no because he would like group to expend funds on other

monitoring efforts. Additional discussion on efforts to figure out a correction factor for FEL chlorophyll data was tabled to monitoring committee.

- Art asked about the data FRSG has on conductivity and chlorides. The Monitoring/Modeling committee will discuss, and Deanna and Scott Kuykendall to be invited to participate.
- The Communications Committee is ready to move forward on the Public Outreach RFQ.
- Army Corps/IDNR dam study. Steve Price at Rock Island COE is new point of contact. He is still working on financial analysis. Looking to reform their project delivery team and planning to meet week of July 8 with Chicago District staff. He said he will update FRSG after meeting. Cindy to follow up on July 15 if we haven't heard from Steve Price.

General Updates

- IDNR/Corps dam study -- Cindy has been advocating this with IDNR. Governors capital plan funding is proposed for ecosystem restoration for USACOE-IDNR partnership so that looks hopeful. FRSG has offered to fund remaining local cost-share which we have been told is \$209,000.
- Fox River Flood Commission – Mark reported the next meeting will be in August at IDNR office in Bartlett. The commission will be covering flood preparedness, response, recovery. IDNR needs assessment survey has been sent out to group members via email. Stakeholders in watershed should complete. The idea is to work together on priority for funding, establish long term gage stations to flood forecasting, update hydrology and rainfall data for the flood maps, using Bulletin 70 update. The effort is focused on the whole watershed. 13 commission positions still unfilled. This is an Opportunity for stakeholders have input but need to participate now since commission is complete at end of year. Education needed on how little the Stratton dam impacts the Chain of Lakes flooding.
- Nutrient removal costs spreadsheet – It was requested again that facilities get spreadsheet info to Beth, including date of completion of P construction deadline.
- Illinois Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy Biennial report to be out in the fall. It will include a list of needs to achieve the strategy goals.
- Fox River Water Trail. Meeting 4-6 p.m. at McHenry Rec Center on Friday, June 27
Past meetings occurred in Geneva and Yorkville. Opportunity to provide input and feedback on their info on access and publicly available information. Can pull up on the website and look at draft version.

Upcoming Events/Other announcements

- FOF Yorkville cleanup.
- FREP canoe trip on July 10.
- Clint to present at next meeting on July 25 or August meeting.
- August South Plant tour for Fox Metro. Rob suggests a picnic or potluck afterwards?

Motion to adjourn at 10:45 a.m. by Bob, second by Rob. Motion passed unanimously.