

**Fox River Study Group
Board of Directors Meeting
MINUTES
9:30 AM June 25, 2015**

- In attendance:
 - Board members: Bob Trueblood, Tom Muth, Kyla Jacobsen, Cindy Skrukud, Rob Linke
 - Others: Carl Fischer, Ed Coggin, Dustin Gallagher, James Huff, Bob VanGyseghem, John Frerich, Jack Russell, Alena Bartosova, Karen Clementi, John Lamb, Greg Rokos, Pete Wallers, Archana Kuchimanchi, Scott Bell, Bob Morris, Emily Sturnfeld
- Introductions - we have a quorum.
- Minutes
 - April 23, 2015 and May 28, 2015 minutes approved on a motion by Bob Trueblood, seconded by Tom Muth and passed unanimously. Meeting minutes to be sent to Becky Hoag to get posted on our website.
- Treasurer's Report – Tom
 - Financial report - \$9864.16 ending balance as of 5/31/15. Two big deposits received from Aurora and FRWRD which are not reflected here. Tom will reach out to the bank to reverse the Service Charge fee (account fell below \$10K).
 - 2014 In-Kind reports - please send these in. Audit is next Wednesday. Need this information.
 - Invoices to be paid: Limnotech 17 & 18 \$21,745.44 motion to pay these invoices was made by Bob Trueblood, seconded by Kyla Jacobsen and passed unanimously.
 - Barrington has been invoiced. Tom needs contact info for Fox River Grove.
- Chair's Report– Cindy
 - Ag BMPs subcommittee - Cindy spoke to Candice. They have determined that we should start by talking about the recommendation from the IL Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy. We will ask the Soil & Water Conservation districts, NRCS, and farm bureaus, etc to discuss BMPs. Looking at perhaps the last week of July or week of August 17th. Load of Total P in the Fox River watershed is ~30% due to Ag. This will be the first meeting with that group, but they are aware of the IL Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy recommendation.
 - Request to speak at 9/3 IWEA Nutrient removal and recovery conference - Scott Bell will check his calendar and availability and with the board's approval, present on our behalf.
- Subcommittees- Rob
 - MS4 BMPs subcommittee - Committee met early June. Lots more questions than answers. Urban contribution on an annual basis is pretty low. 6-7% of the total P is from urban contribution. We discussed the state's policy of 45% reduction overall and talked about reducing the contribution by 4%. Per the IEPA, this should be the minimum that the FRIP should consider. Any other number would have to be justified.
 - Scott talked about model is ready to plug MS4 equation in (implementation of BMPs and achieve certain reductions) and how to estimate costs for compliance. He will send this out to the board for review soon.
- Limnotech Report-Scott

- Water Quality modeling
 - Revised dam removal scenarios including hydraulic changes to account for removed impoundments and changes in reaeration rates. Looked at 2 alternatives - all dams gone from C'ville to Montgomery and the other one was for just C'ville and N. Aurora removal. As these scenario runs were getting farther and farther from a calibrated model, Scott gave caution in interpreting these results. Recommended further investigation of reaeration rates and flows with dam removal. These modeling results indicate that dams still need to be addressed. Alena will review and the board will revisit this briefly. Slide #19
 - Dam removal/load reduction scenarios. Very similar to previous runs. Questions about the decrease in DO around Kimball St with dam out. No explanation.
 - Running the model to look at how WQS are met throughout the year by month. Changes in WWTP total P discharge levels only, not upstream boundary. The model is predicting improvements up to 94% days meeting DO water quality standard during critical months (June-Sept.) from baseline of 89% of days. This will be a continuing issue. We will continue to work on this after the FRIP is submitted.
 - Model issues to address: 1) Are the areas that the model shows as problematic really problematic?, 2) how to make the DO simulation better and 3) what happens with dams removed?
- FRIP document status - within a week or 2, the FRIP draft (80% document) will be sent to the board. There will have to be meetings and conference calls later in the summer. Other stakeholders would like access to the document for comments. Hopefully have some initial feedback at the July 23rd meeting. Still uncertainties with the Ag piece and how to completely incorporate the MS4 option, but will work on that.
- Next meeting
 - July 23, 9:30 AM, Fox Metro