

**Fox River Study Group  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Fox River Water Reclamation District  
9:30 AM April 13, 2017**

In attendance: Kyla Jacobsen, Robert Trueblood, Cindy Skrukrud, Tom Muth, Rob Linke, Mark Phipps, Megan Andrews

Guests: Beth Vogt, Jack Russell, Christa Vant Hul, Carl Fischer, Ken Krueger, Scott LaVanne, Tom Horak, Mike Bruno, Bob Morris, Karen Clementi, Eric Weck, Kevin Collman, Cyrus McMains, Mike Ott, Jillian Kiss

- All present introduced themselves.
- Minutes
  - February 23, 2017 minutes - approved unanimously on a motion by Bob Trueblood, seconded by Mark Phipps.
- Treasurer's Report – Tom Muth
  - Financial report, some deposits not yet shown.
  - Bills to pay - approved unanimously on a motion by Tom Muth, seconded by Mark Phipps.
    - \$13 to Secretary of State for Annual Report
    - \$4137 to University of Illinois for ISWS contract, initial payment
  - 2016 Audit/In-kind Time – Tom will solicit pricing from our current auditors. Also provide the in-kind information from 2016 to Tom by the end of May.
- Quick Updates
  - ISWS contract is signed by FRSG and sent back to UIUC - \$16,547. We are breaking it into 4 payments over the contract. Next payment will be due Nov 2017. Draft report due by May 2018.
  - Fox River Study Group New Members
    - Gilberts meeting April 11- Bob and Kyla attended. There was brief discussion and Gilberts approved to join. It was discussed that Cindy should update the letter to focus on the collective of the group, highlight what the group does and what the alternative is and put on letterhead with all board members listed.
    - Cindy will attend Sandwich meeting on May 8.
    - Clint Bailey from the USGS reported they will be out the week of April 24 to reinstall the DO gauge on the Algonquin Bike bridge. Karen stated that Fox Metro continuous DO probes be installed that week as well.

- Discussion Items
  - Army Corps Fox River Habitat & Connectivity Study update - The estimated cost to complete their study of the dams on the river is \$600,000. The local sponsor rate is 35%: \$210,000. They are working to get us information on the remaining scope of work.
  - QUAL2K Model Update Request for Proposals – The committee has prepared a draft RFP and would like approval from the board today so that it can get sent out when ready. Task 1 would be to update and recalibrate the model. Task 2 would be to make sure that the model can simulate the swings of DO that we have actually observed. If the DO calibration cannot be resolved, then we will not proceed to Task 3 which would be additional scenarios as identified in the RFP. A motion to give the subcommittee the authority to finalize the language in the RFP and get it out to the public was made by Bob Trueblood, seconded by Tom Muth. The board discussed that they wished to have some time to review the comments and give additional input should any be necessary. Motion passed unanimously. The committee will send a final draft RFP to the board for review before it is sent out. The subcommittee will be tasked with reviewing the proposals.
  
- Past and upcoming Fox River-related events & public meetings
  - One Earth Film Festival March 6 - Tom and Cindy had a table representing the FRSG there. Turnout was great.
  - Fox River Summit on March 10 also had great turnout.
  - Cindy will reach out to IEPA to see if they can update us on the Chain O'Lakes TMDL. It was also suggested that we meet with the Wisconsin group (IL Fox River group) and discuss mutual work on the river.
  - FRSG on Watershed Group formation panel at [Illinois Wastewater Professionals Conference](#) on April 25 in Springfield. Cindy will be on a panel to discuss how watershed groups are organized.
  - [Green Town Fox Valley](#) on April 27 in Aurora. A water breakout session will feature Kyla talking about algae on the Fox River, Frank Veraldi will talk about the dam study and Karen Miller will talk about the Fof River Trail.
  
- Next meeting
  - 9:30 am- May 25 at Fox Metro

Adjourned on a motion from Bob, seconded by Mark at 10:47 am.