

**Fox River Study Group
Board of Directors Meeting
Fox Metro Water Reclamation District
September 28, 2017; 9:30am**

In attendance: Robert Trueblood, Cindy Skrukrud, Tom Muth, Rob Linke, Gary Swick, Eric Schoeny, Megan Andrews

Guests: Karen Clementi, Carl Fischer, Randy Hummer, Ken Krueger, Archana Kuchimanchi, Scott LaVanne, Rishab Mahajan, Bob Morris, Mike Ott, Jack Russell, Jerry Ruth, Maggie Soliz, Christa Vant Hul, Bob VanGyseghem, Beth Vogt, Eric Weck

Meeting was called to order at 9:36am by Cindy Skrukrud

Introductions – all present introduced themselves

Minutes

- August 31, 2017 Minutes – will be presented at next meeting for review and approval

Treasurer's Report

- Financial Report – as written; no questions
 - Ending balance 464,258.55
- Bills to Pay
 - USGS Probe – Reimburse FRWRD for quarterly payments to date: Quarters 1 & 2 (\$3585.85/quarter; \$7171.71 total).
Motion by Rob Linke to approve payment in the amount of \$7171.71 to FRWRD
2nd by: Eric Schoeny Motion: Approved

Discussion Items

- Addition to the Agenda
 - Report on Sept. 20 Fox River Ecosystem Partnership meeting: Trevor Sample provided an update on the Biennial Report on the Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy (NLRs). Rob Linke provided an updated of the activities within the Fox River Watershed. Discussion followed regarding the importance of NLRs.
- ISWS Data Project Update
 - Cindy had a call with Laura Keefer and Elias Getahun to discuss the project that will update the Fox River database and provided a Trends Analysis Report.
 - Cindy reported that Mike McChesney has retired and Laura Keefer will replace Mike as the principal investigator.
 - Cindy provided the Sponsored Research Agreement Amendment No. 1 for the group to review; she recommended approval.
Motion to approve Amendment #1 by Robert Trueblood.
2nd by: Tom Muth Motion: Approved
 - Work continues on the database update; all data is in hand, just need to enter data. Entry into database should be complete by mid-October with data through 2016. Link to the data for download will be available on FRSG website. Since the contract is through 2019, another update to the database will occur before the contract expires which include data from the FRSG through the end of 2018 and IEPA through the end of 2017.
 - Discussion continued on the following:
 - Scope of work to include fecal coliform.
 - Cindy noted that the FRSG focus is on nutrient related issues.
 - Need for clarification from ISWS on the Temporal and Spatial Trends Analysis (see handout) and methodology used for Analysis Report. Rob suggested that ISWS attend an upcoming FRSG meeting and present a preview of the data. Karen Clementi noted that a complete project outline detailing work items between now and May would be helpful.

- USACE Habitat & Connectivity Study Update
 - Cindy provided an update on efforts to get feedback from USACE regarding the study; has reached out several times but is still waiting to hear back to date.
 - Discussion followed. It was noted that the Grand Victoria Foundation has indicated that they would entertain a request from the FRSG to assist in the cost of the study.
- Report on Call with Candice Bauer, USEPA
 - Al Keller had suggested meeting with USEPA at our last FRSG meeting regarding concerns for permits with a monthly average limit. Cindy has contacted Candice and she is willing to meet; just awaiting dates.
 - Discussion followed regarding permit renewals and USEPA, IEPA perspectives, input and conversations.
- QUAL2K Model Update Request for Proposals
 - To date, three firms have indicated they are working on proposals: Limnotech, Tetra Tech and Geosyntec. Karen Clementi has been following up on related questions. Discussion followed. A notice will be provided that questions provided to date with associated answers will be posted and the last call for questions will be October 4th. Deadline for RFPs is October 18th. Cindy noted she will send a reminder with these updates/reminders.
- Progress Report since FRIP to IEPA and USEPA
 - Cindy noted she will compile a draft update on activities since FRIP published. She noted that point sources have submitted progress reports and this can be used to show work/activities/efforts completed to date.
- Annual Meeting Plans
 - Batavia City Hall secured for Annual Meeting. Schedule: 9:30am networking/displays/refreshments; 10:00am presentations. Discussion followed regarding presenters/presentations.
- Question for Discussion: Bob Trueblood provided the following for discussion: With the new developments with phosphorous compliance, instead of biological, if go chemical what would be the perspective of NGOs? Discussion followed.

Next Meeting

- Annual Meeting: 9:30am/10:00am Batavia City Hall

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Robert Trueblood 2nd by: Rob Linke **Meeting Adjourned at 11:00am.**