

Fox River Study Group  
Minutes Feb. 28, 2019

In Attendance: Mark Phipps, Tom Muth, Kyla Jacobsen, Bob Trueblood, Cindy Skrukud, Art Malm (via call-in)

Guest: Karen Clementi, Jack Russell, Laura Marasciano (call-in), Faye Sinnott (call-in), Tim Wilson, Eric Weiss, Rishab Mahajan, Deanna Dochaluk, Trish Beckjord, Carl Fisher, Chris Walton, Megan Miklosk, Dan Langguth, Bob Morris, Sam Ferraro, Mike Keis, Scott LaVome, Cyrus McMains, Beth Vogt

Everyone introduced themselves.

Motion for approval of Jan. 31, 2019 minutes by Bob Trueblood, seconded by Mark Phipps and approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report -Tom reported ending checking balance as of 1/31/19 is \$124,992.89. CD balance is \$415,921. Still holding check for BlueStem, waiting to send after approval from the communications committee that final revisions to report have been received.

Bills in hand are Duechler \$207.75 and CMAP (for Mill Creek HSPF model update) \$12,200 - Bob Trueblood made a motion to approve both, seconded by Kyla Jacobsen and approved unanimously.

All communities have been invoiced for their yearly contributions.

#### Modeling/Monitoring Committee

QUAL2K model validation discussion is scheduled after this meeting.

Mill Creek - Rishab reported the HSPF model is being updated for the Mill Creek watershed plan under development. Geosyntec is also developing a tool that will help development managers locate BMPs for planning in the watershed. Question was asked as to whether this work will aid in the revisions to the Kane County stormwater ordinance-will revisit with Rob Linke. We will have Geosyntec make a presentation on this work.

#### Communications Committee

- OEFF & Fox River Summit Tabling - handouts: factsheet, Jan. 2019 community update, trends results summary. Tom, Cindy and Art will be at the OEFF table. Same materials and will be used for tabling at the Fox River Summit.
- The trends report will be posted to our website. Atticus (Uofl) has updated the Fox database as of the end of January. Cindy talked to Laura at ISWS about reviewing other WQ trends: temperature, conductivity, chloride. We discussed another review of nutrient trends in 5 years, once the WWTP updates at FMWRD, FRWRD and other majors are complete. There was also a brief discussion about chloride levels in the river and the chloride impact from water treatment facilities in the watershed that treat water with ion exchange.
- Committee will schedule a meeting for RFP prep timeline, tasks, etc. for what communications we want to do going forward since the dam focus groups. Art expressed immediate concern on

prediction of the new water levels at property lines and the second is to establish the ownership rights of the property where new shoreline is reclaimed.

- FRSG Annual Report due to IEPA on March 31- review draft, thanks to Karen for putting this together. Cindy had a few suggestions:
  - Point Source Nutrient Reduction - change the date to make sure that all improvements are within the dates suggested.
  - Make sure that the financial supporters list is correct - please review.
  - Cindy will ask Amy Dragovich for review to make sure this is on track.
  - This will be finalized in the next week and will be emailed to FRSG distribution list.
- Cindy provided a draft letter to send to new IDNR director Colleen Callahan on the Corps' Fox River Connectivity & Habitat to make sure she is aware that we are supporting this endeavor and offering our financial assistance. The board said to go ahead and mail it.
- DuPage River Salt Creek Workgroup dam mapping for Chicago Region - Cindy sent out their map for review and asked for others to inform DRSCW of any dams missing (both existing and removed).
- Upcoming Events
  - One Earth Film Fest-*The Human Element*, Mar. 4, Waubensee Community College, Aurora [www.foxriverecosystem.org/film.htm](http://www.foxriverecosystem.org/film.htm)
  - **Nutrient Assessment Reduction Plan Workshop**, Mar. 6 10 am-Noon, Itasca Village Hall  
The IWEA Watershed Management Committee is hosting a collaboration meeting for Illinois watershed groups focused on the development of Nutrient Assessment Reduction Plans (NARP). Attendees will join others in the state that are faced with developing a NARP in their area, to share what a NARP means to them, the approaches that are being considered, and where they are in the process. Meeting attendees will gain perspectives on NARP development and an understanding of the range of approaches being considered.  
**Registration:** <https://memberleap.com/Calendar/moreinfo.php?eventid=15291>
  - March 14-16, IL Lakes Management Association conference in Crystal Lake. Registration is <https://ilma-lakes.org/conference>
  - Fox Valley Sustainability Network is hosting a green Infrastructure forum on Mar. 20
  - Fox River Summit, Mar. 22, Burlington  
WI <https://www.southeastfoxriver.org/foxriversummit>
- Bob made a presentation to the IL Wastewater Facilities Operators and he focused on getting in a watershed group (referenced FRSG) and "beginning with the end in mind". It was well received.
- Art Malm will give a presentation on dams for FOFR - history and their impact at Schweitzer Environmental Center on Sunday, March 10 at noon.

There will need to be \$10 expended for the Secretary of State annual report. Motion was made by Kyla, seconded by Bob to pay the fee. The motion passed unanimously.

**Next in person meeting-** April 25th, 9:30 am at Fox Metro - **NO MARCH MEETING** unless we need to have a conference call for any specific issue.