

**Fox River Study Group
Board of Directors Meeting
Fox Metro Water Reclamation District
MINUTES May 28, 2015**

In attendance: board members –Rob Linke, Candice Jacobs, Gary Swick, Tom Muth, Bob Trueblood, Kyla Jacobsen, Cindy Skrukud, Eric Schoeny, Byron Ritchason

guests: Alena Bartosova, Randy Hummer, Jack Russell, Karen Clementi, Dustin Gallagher, Katrina Phillips, Mike Harvey, Art Malm, Ed Coggin, Sai Archana Kuchimanchi, Ron Bedard, Candace Scholz, Fran Caffee, Dan Blum, Tim Loftus, Jeff Freeman, Laura Marcasciano, Thomas Chinske, Dan Lobbes, Greg Rokos, Pete Wallers, Beth Vogt, Scott Bell (via telephone), Amy Walkenbach, John Wills, Bob Morris, John Frerich

- Introductions
- Minutes
 - April 23, 2015 minutes approval was deferred to the next meeting.
- Treasurer’s Report – Tom
 - Financial report - balance as of 4/30/15 is \$9,878.18. Aurora has a PO, but apparently the check hasn't been cut. Aurora has passed a resolution authorizing continued support for the next 5 years. Invoices for FRSG support will be sent out to a number of additional communities. Invoice #17 just came in from Limnotech. Tom will send the invoice and report to the board for review. Invoice payment will be discussed at next meeting.
 - 2014 In-Kind reports - the audit will commence in a couple weeks. It makes the in-kind reports necessary. Please forward ASAP.
- ISWS Report– Alena
 - Fox dBase update- please send data to alena@illinois.edu
 - Discussion of April 23 memo
 - Alena reviewed the information in the memo re: Limnotech QUAL2K modeling that she provided. (Attached). She recommends using the Illinois Streamflow Assessment Model (ILSAM) for the flow duration curves which provides more current conditions rather than looking at the historic record back to 1960.
 - We agree that the model has issues we are going to identify in the FRIP the measures that we will review down the road.
 - For the flow duration curve, we discussed that we want the model run monthly, using the appropriate water quality standards.
 - On the issue of reporting at only one location, we want the FRIP to explain why the location was selected and identify. Could run the same statistical analysis at the other locations where the WQ standards are being met. Cindy will ask Limnotech about the time to do that.
 - Alena will send ILSAM values to Scott.
- Chair’s Report– Cindy
 - Recap of May 18 call with Limnotech on how we want to address issues in the FRIP.
 - We will make recommendations stating that they will be subject to funding and need.

- Monitoring should be a coordinated effort with IDNR on effects of dam removal on fish data. The next assessment will be in 2017. Amy W will help coordinate.
 - Future modeling in the FRIP will be to address challenges in the current model.
 - The FRIP will be updated every 5 years.
 - FRIP reporting metrics will include P reduction and actions taken to achieve those reductions.
 - Public outreach as appropriate
 - FRSG will compile data and prepare an annual report.
 - Ag BMPs subcommittee - Cindy and Candice will coordinate and get back to the board.
 - 2015 Monitoring proposal (attached) - Karen Clementi presented a proposal looking to gather more data in the river reach where the QUAL2K model simulation indicates that benthic algae significantly affects dissolved oxygen levels. The board is interested in getting the data collected. Karen will put together a more formal, cost based proposal. We want to retain the same target flows as we used in 2012.
 - Fox River Corridor Study - Tim Loftus, CMAP
 - Carpentersville and Algonquin have partnered with CMAP to do a Fox River Corridor Study, addressing 4 areas: natural resources and environment, open space and recreation, transportation and circulation, place making and destination. He requested FRSG input on water quality issues including dam removal. Their study can assist the FRSG by providing additional public education and outreach. Their draft plan will be presented this fall at a public open house that FRSG can participate in. It would help CMAP if FRSG could provide a list of "what we have learned".
- Subcommittees- Rob
 - MS4 BMPs subcommittee
 - Meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 4 at 10 in the Kane Co. government center auditorium. They will review the proposed outline for the FRIP MS4 section.
 - Dam subcommittee - A new dam/river restoration page has been added to our website.
- Next meeting
 - June 25, 9:30 AM, Fox Metro