

**Fox River Study Group  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Fox Metro Water Reclamation District  
August 15, 2019**

Introductions

Board members: Cindy Skrukud, Mark Phipps, Tom Muth, Eric Weiss, Art Malm, Rob Linke

Attendees: Rishab Mahajan, Jack Russell, Holly Hudson, Carl Fischer, Leonard Dane, Pat Kelsey, Megan Miklosik, Chris Walton, Clint Bailey, Trish Beckjord, Susan Quasney, Dan Lobbes, Beth Vogt, Karen Clementi

*via phone* Faye Sinnott, Megan Andrews

Minutes

Approval of the July 25, 2019 meeting minutes. Motion by Mark, seconded by Tom. Motion passed with Rob abstaining.

Treasurer's Report – Tom

Treasurer's Report presented. Tom met with auditors on Monday. Auditors have some outstanding questions for Cindy. IN KIND CONTRIBUTIONS are needed ASAP, Cindy pulling together.

Two requests for payment: Porte Brown to \$2,000 for audit. \$6,050 to FRWRD for USGS reimbursement. Eric moved, Art second. Motion passed unanimously.

Model update -- Rishab

Recalibration is happening. Internal senior review. Wrap up next week and send to subcommittee. Call should be scheduled for the last week of August.

Mill Creek watershed plan -- Holly

Mill Creek watershed plan in BMP identification stage. Met with several stakeholders. Getting Mill Creek data through FOF as volunteers. Training for macros in Grayslake -- can it repeat for our area if enough people are interested? Watershed-wide BMPs discussion. Pollutant load reduction work to be completed by Geosyntec. Looking at setting reduction targets.

USGS Presentation on chlorophyll a data -- Clint

Presentation on Chlorophyll a data. Art -- should we add the blue-green sensor? Clint -- could be added next year. Cost is in-situ samples and a small amount of labor. Continuous data is of interest to group vs. grab samples. Art -- discussion on getting more data on a higher frequency. Group decided to

conduct an end of the season analysis of data needs in comparison to existing data sets. USGS to provide a quote on adding blue green algae for 2020.

## General Updates

- Communication RFQ - Has been posted on website and sent out to firms. Due next week.
- IDNR/Corps dam study- John Rogner at IDNR started July 1, Cindy had a call with him. Things are moving forward at IDNR, needs internal staff support there. USACOE is hopeful to get it going again. Also asked him about getting word out to communities that there is money availability for dam removal. Carpentersville dam discussion on timelines. North Aurora dam removal discussion. Flint Creek small dam removal.
- Fox River Flood Commission- Next meeting is Thursday, Sept. 12 at 1 p.m. at the Bartlett Nature Center.
- Long term spending policy schedule for meeting to be set between this meeting and next meeting. Doodle poll to go out. Pulling together comments.
- Clean Water Infrastructure Needs. Beth to contact mainstem POTWs that haven't submitted information.
- FRIP deadline compliance August 31, 2019. FRSG letter should be submitted before August 31. Scenarios bumped 6 month extension. And needs a post on website.

## Upcoming Events

FOF annual "It's Our Fox River Day" 3rd Saturday in September each year. Save the date for next year. Celebrate the river, draft resolution to be provided. Algonquin.

Sierra Club and Environmental Defenders of McHenry County event the same day.

Next meeting at Fox Metro WRD -- Thursday, September 26 at 9:30 am.

Motion to adjourn at 10:45 a.m. by Mark, second by Rob. Motion passed unanimously. Tour of Fox Metro WRD's new South Plant occurred after the meeting.