

**Fox River Study Group
Board of Directors Meeting
Fox Metro Water Reclamation District
July 28, 2016 Minutes**

In attendance: Bd members: Rob Linke, Mark Phipps, Cindy Skrukrud, Bob Trueblood, Kyla Jacobsen, Tom Muth, Gary Swick, Megan Andrews

Guests: Ken Krueger, Jillian Kiss, Mark Allen, Mike Ott, Dan Bounds, Travis Parry, John Frerich, Karen Clementi, Randy Hummer, Bob Morris, Sai Archana Kuchimanchi, Candice Jacobs, Darren Olson, Tim Wilson, Abel Haile

- Introductions
- Minutes
 - May 26, 2016 minutes - passed on a motion by Bob Trueblood seconded by Tom Muth.
- Treasurer's Report – Tom
 - Financial report - \$244,1313.68 in the bank as of 6/30/16
 - 2015 Audit is done, In-kind time/expenses still needed for 990 report to IRS.
 - Fox Metro would like to put the FRSG name on their new monitoring van. Bob Trueblood made a motion to okay having FRSG name and website on Fox Metro van, Gary Swick seconded it. The motion was approved unanimously. They will also be linking Fox Metro's website to FRSG.
- Discussion Items
 - USGS gage went up on June 29th and is giving good data. Payment schedule agreement with FRWRD for USGS gage has been signed; joint funding agreement with the USGS had to be with a government entity. FRSG will reimburse FRWRD for the payments to the USGS for the Algonquin probe to a total of \$31,013.59 through October 1, 2018. Bob will have their attorney draft an agreement for official acceptance at the next meeting. Cindy will ask Becky to put a link to the real time data on our site.
 - Monitoring activities
 - Benthic algal investigations- Karen prepared a scope of work based on recommendations of the subcommittee and circulated via email to the board. Two options were presented: investigating algae at two sites- Sullivan Rd and Algonquin- or at 6 sites. Cindy recommended conducting the same water quality analysis as was done in 2012 at all 6 sites. Motion made by Kyla, seconded by Bob to do algal investigations at the 6 sites plus the WQ parameters (without knowing the exact dollar figure for WQ monitoring, no additional labor cost, just analytical cost) and the motion passed unanimously. This will all be dependent on the low river flows!
 - Draft presentation for USEPA- Cindy reported that she has been working on it and it 70% done writing the script for each slide. She was in Springfield on July 7 for another meeting and took the opportunity to meet with IEPA again and gather other comments. She will complete the draft and will circulate for comments. Cindy will reach out to schedule a meeting with USEPA.
 - Paul Anderson has offered to have his research team at IIT look into the issues we are having with our computer model. This will be scheduled soon.

- Chicago Wilderness's 20th anniversary Congress is on Nov. 2. Cindy plans to put in a proposal to present on the FRSG and the FRIP. Bob suggested that we see if other watershed groups would want to present together with us. Cindy will reach out to other groups.
- Ag Community Outreach- Megan & Cindy - had a conversation and developed some ideas to convene soil and water conservation districts and farm bureaus to discuss the phosphorous BMPs and the nutrient loss reduction strategies. Looking to meet yet this fall. The Nutrient Research and Education Council would participate.
- Upcoming presentations:
 - FVOA Aug 18 presentation- Gary & Bob
 - W Dundee - Bob & Beth - will try to get on the agenda for early October.
 - Water 2016 Conference Oct 26 - on schedule to make this presentation in Champaign.
- We will begin to think about how we want to incorporate new algae data into the model and rerun the model.
- We agreed to hold our annual meeting on Oct. 27. Cindy will confirm availability with Byron for Batavia City Hall.
- Next meeting
 - 9:30 am, August 25 at Fox Metro

Meeting adjourned at 10:24 am