

Fox River Study Group
Board of Directors Meeting
Fox Metro Water Reclamation District
November 15, 2018

In attendance: Tom Muth, Cindy Skrukrud, Robert Trueblood, Mark Phipps, Art Malm, Byron Ritchason, Rob Linke

Guests: Jack Russell, Karen Clementi, Trish Beckjord, Rishab Mahajan, Mike Ott, Chris Walton, Ken Krueger, Chuck Roberts, Jillian Kiss, Megan Miklosik, Bob Morris

Meeting called to order and everyone introduced themselves.

- Approval of Minutes of September 27 meeting - Robert Trueblood made a motion to approve the minutes. Art Malm seconded. They were approved unanimously.
- Treasurer's Report – Tom
 - Financial report - Balance as of 9/30 is \$594,667.29.
 - Bills to pay- Geosyntec \$6051.25, DEI-\$1545, FRWRD for USGS work \$19,640.11, Bluestem Communication-\$2880. Motion to pay bills by Robert Trueblood, second by Mark Phipps. Passed unanimously.
 - Tom will get invoices out to communities.
- Annual Meeting Recap- The group discussed the annual meeting. We were pleased with the attendance and the presentations. Ideas for presentations for next year were discussed: computer scenarios, summary of USGS data collected, update on NPDES permits, update on Corps dam study, IDNR report on 2017 intensive basin study.
- Modeling Work Rishab Mahajan of Geosyntec presented an outline for the report on the Fox River Water Quality Model Update. The board and guests made recommendations for the structure of the report. Rishab reported that Geosyntec is finalizing the calibration of the QUAL2K model and will schedule a call with the Modeling/Monitoring Committee to discuss. It will take a few months

for Geosyntec to run the management scenarios when the group gives them the go-ahead to proceed to that next phase of work.

- ISWS Water Quality Trends Report The Modeling/Monitoring Committee will discuss the report on a call with ISWS next week.
- Bluestem Communication Focus Group Plans The group discussed plans for the focus group sessions, including recommendations on a venue for the sessions and entities to invite to the sessions. Rob checked and the auditorium at the Kane County Government Center is available. Cindy will share the recommendations on groups to invite with Lizzy at Bluestem.
- PCBs in Fox River fish tissue Art and Karen presented data they received from Illinois EPA and their analysis that the data indicate that PCB levels in fish tissue are dropping. It may be appropriate to now remove the health warning listing for consumption of Fox River fish. The group also discussed the consumption warning for mercury contamination in fish tissue. Art will work on a letter on the subject to the Illinois Department of Public Health.
- Next meeting date- Thursday, December 13 9:30 am at Fox Metro.