

**Fox River Study Group  
Board of Directors Meeting via Conference Call  
9:30 AM February 24, 2022**

**In Attendance:**

Board Members: Cindy Skrukrud, Tom Muth, Art Malm, Beth Vogt, Rob Linke, Alyse Olson, Kurt Muth(Temporary for City of Aurora) and Eric Weiss

Absent Board Members: Tim Wilson

Others: Bob Morris, Karen Clementi, Fox Metro WRD, Bob Trueblood, FRWRD, Dan Langguth, City of Crystal Lake, Karoline Qasem, Geosyntec, Jared Ervin, Geosyntec, Amanda Eness, EEI, aeness@eeiweb.com , Mike Casper, Village of Barrington, Carl Fischer, John Stein Village of Cary, Steven Polaskey, Fox Metro WRD, Leonard Dane, Fehr Graham, Ryan Schuler, Illinois American Water, Rishab Mahajan, Geosyntec, Cyrus McMains, YBSD, Jack Russell, FRWRD, Mike Ott, Strand, Holly Hudson, CMAP, Susan Quasney, Village of Oswego

Everyone introduced themselves.

**Minutes** - Motion by Art, second by Tom to approve minutes of January 27, 2022 Board Meeting. Motion approved unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report** - Tom presented the financial report. As of January 31, 2022 we have \$81,871.14 in our account at Harris Bank and \$536,805.99 in the CD at Old Second Bank. Beth asked about the CD maturity date, and Tom indicated it is in May of this year.

Tom shared that with Mark Phipp's vacancy, the FRSG will need to update an additional signatory for both the checking and CD accounts, and he suggested Karen Clementi fill this role, as this could be a great succession plan in coming months. Motion by Beth, second by Art to have Karen Clementi be cosignatory on the checking and CD accounts. Motion approved unanimously.

Bills to pay – Tom asked to pay bills to Geosyntec, Hoag Communications, Secretary of State, and add in \$100 sponsorship to the One Earth Film Festiva. Eric asked about the Secretary of State, and Cindy shared that this is a requirement/form to be filled out. She will post the completed form in the meeting shared folder. Motion by Eric, second by Beth to pay 3 invoices, Cindy clarified that it should be four invoices, Motion amended by Eric, and second by Beth to pay invoices to Geosyntec in the amount \$1,775.50, Hoag Communications \$360, Secretary of State \$10, and One Earth Film Festival \$100. Motion approved unanimously.

Membership invoices – Tom shared that FMWRD staff had sent out all the invoices to the contributors for 2022. Cindy thanked FMWRD for doing this.

**Chair's Report**

2021 In-Kind Time for Audit – Cindy reminded all that all volunteers should provide 2021 in-kind contribution value, and this should include sampling, testing, and meeting time.

2022 Appointments to the Board – Cindy reminded that the organizations need to provide their letters for appointments to the Board. FRWRD is the only organization that she has.

2022 Slate of Officers from Nominating Committee – Cindy shared that she and Tom propose the following list of officers for 2022:

- Chair Cindy Skrukrud

- Vice Chair Beth Vogt
- Treasurer Tom Muth
- Secretary Eric Weiss
- Assistant Secretary Art Malm

Motion by Rob, and second by Alyse to approve the officers as recommended. Motion approved unanimously.

One Earth Film Fest – Cindy shared the information provided in the agenda. She mentioned that the board had approved sponsorship of \$100. Details are here:

- Virtual Screening- 6:30 pm Saturday, March 12
- Film is **Inhabitants**- follows five Native American Tribes as they restore their relationships to the land using ancient practices that nurture life
- More info and registration at <https://foxriverecosystem.org/fox/film-festival>

**Monitoring Committee** – Karen shared there is nothing to update. It is winter!

### **Modeling Committee**

Indian Creek Watershed Based Plan Update – Holly shared a third draft of the Resource Inventory has been submitted to the IEPA for review. They are in the process of mapping their findings, and hoping to position them for 319 funding for the severe erosion locations. The IEPA has agreed to delay the required Final Resource Inventory schedule to March. Also, recognized that there is another place vacated role and will need to be filled by Mark Phipp’s replacement from Aurora.

Request for phosphorus removal status from WWTPs - Beth reminded all that they need the data. They have data from Carpentersville and FMWRD, and she indicated that she heard from Tim that he has the Tri-Cities date. Please [fill out this form](#) with info for your WWTP. Here is a [spreadsheet example](#) from FRWRD staff on how to calculate the annual geometric mean of total phosphorus. Art congratulated all of the facilities on the improvements made based on the data observed already.

2022 FRIP Update – Rishab shared that Geosyntec has received some comments on the Watershed Management Scenarios. They are working on scheduling a meeting with the subcommittee in the next few month. The project is currently on track to have a first draft to the subcommittee by mid April.

Fecal Coliform Study Update – Karoline and Jarod provided a presentation on the study observations, conclusions, and recommendations for potential of Source Tracing. The cost of analysis for source tracing is approximately 10 times Fecal Coliform, and a budgetary estimate for Pilot Study would be \$50,000 for a starting point and can go upwards from there. Geosyntec will provide a short memo and the presentation to the FRSG.

### **Studies by Others**

Cindy shared that the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency-BOW has completed the Draft 2020/2022 Illinois Integrated Water Quality Report (IR). In this cycle the Agency has combined the 2020 and 2022 IR Cycles after consultation with USEPA. The comment period will end on March 16, 2022. Public Notice:<https://www2qa.illinois.gov/epa/public-notices/Pages/general-notices.aspx> 303(d) List:<https://www2qa.illinois.gov/epa/topics/water-quality/watershed-management/tmdls/Pages/303d-list.aspx> . Cindy asked if anyone has dug in, or if there are any volunteers to coordinate a response from the FRSG. Art expressed that he feels the FRSG should put resources to get the Fox removed from the 303(d) list.

Holly shared that the Fox River Corridor Plan was adopted by McHenry, and she offered to share information about the plan as the next FRSG meeting.

**Upcoming events and other updates**

Fox River Summit – Cindy shared that this is the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and there will be an In-person or attend virtually option. Thursday, March 17, tickets and full agenda at <https://www.southeastfoxriver.org/> keynotes at <https://www.southeastfoxriver.org/2022-fox-river-summit>

ILMA/ILAFS Conference is March 16-18 <https://ilma-lakes.org/conference>

2022 meeting schedule: 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs Jan-Sept, 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs Oct-Dec

**Next meetings** – The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Thursday, March 24, 2022 at 9:30 AM and will be held virtually.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:51 AM.