

Fox River Study Group
DRAFT MINUTES
Board of Directors Meeting via Conference Call
9:30 AM October 20, 2022

In Attendance:

FRSG BOD: Cindy Skrukrud, Sierra Club, Beth Vogt, FRWRD, Alyse Olson, FREP, Rob Linke, Kane County, Brian Witkowski, City of Aurora

Others: Cody Sheriff, City of McHenry, Karen Clementi, Fox Metro WRD, Faye Sinnott, at large, Dan Langguth, City of Crystal Lake, Leonard Dane, Fehr Graham, Dean Farr. Izaak Walton League, Emily Conti - EEL, Zac Bonesz- City of Batavia, Stephen McCracken DRSCW, Mike Casper, Village of Barrington, Logan Gilbertsen, HR Green, Holly Hudson, CMAP, Jenny Murphy, USGS, Jack Russell, FRWRD, Geoff Penman, City of Sandwich, Mark Phipps, Rishab Mahajan, Bob Morris

Everyone introduced themselves.

The minutes of the September 22, 2022 meeting were approved on a motion by Beth, second by Rob with Alyse abstaining.

Treasurer's Report – Karen provided the September financial report. On a motion by Brian, second by Beth, two bill from Geosyntec were authorized for payment -from May- \$311, from Sept- \$12,666.85. Motion passed unanimously. The remaining funds authorized to be spent for the FRIP 2022 update are \$28,482.

Chair's Report- Cindy reported that that Communications Committee has provided feedback to Army Corps on their webpage text.

She requested help to reach out to WWTPs to provide data on the progress on their phosphorus removal status. A form was provided for reporting the information with an example provided FRWRD staff on how to calculate the annual geometric mean of total phosphorus. Cindy provided a link to [Data received from IEPA](#) on the 2017-2021 loads from WWTPs in the Fox River Watershed.

She reported FRSG has received a request from City of Ottawa to review their plans for a new wastewater treatment plant along the east side of the Fox River and made a recommendation on how to respond. There was a discussion of what to include in a response. Cindy is to prepare a draft letter for the board's review.

Plans for the Annual Meeting were discussed, it was decided to hold a virtual meeting on Nov. 2 at 9:30 am. Rishab will be able to provide an overview of the 2022 FRIP update. Cindy will ask Army Corps staff if they can provide an update on their Habitat & Connectivity Study.

Modeling & Monitoring Committees-

2022 FRIP Update status- Rishab and Beth reported on the work underway by the committees' members to review the draft report and its appendices and to have revised drafts from Geosyntec by early November.

Indian Creek Watershed-based Plan Update-Holly reported that they are finalizing the list of site-specific BMPs and working on the watershed-wide BMPs list. DuPage County is creating an inventory of septics in the watershed.

Upcoming events and other updates-

Tim reported that the Fox Waterway Agency is working on a watershed-based plan for their reach of the Fox River. Dean reported the plans for Waukesha to use Lake Michigan water that could impact the Fox River as the town's wastewater will need to be returned to the lake instead of the Fox River.

Information was included in the agenda on-

- the 2022 NLRs Partnership Workshop which will take place on November 1
- Environmental Defenders of McHenry County and the McHenry County Department of Planning and Development's Sensible Salting and Salt Smart Certification on November 4.
- FREP program on "Are River Otters Making a Comeback?" on November, 9
- Illinois River Watershed Study Group meeting on November 9

Future meetings- The next FRSG board meeting will be held virtually on Thurs. Nov. 17 at 9:30 am with the FRSG Annual Meeting to also be held virtually on Wed. Nov. 2 at 9:30 am.