

**Fox River Study Group
Board of Directors Meeting
Fox Metro Water Reclamation District
9:30 AM February 27, 2020**

Introductions

Board members: Bob Trueblood, Tom Muth, Mark Phipps, Art Malm, Cindy Skrukrud, Rob Linke, Megan Andrews, Tim Wilson, Eric Weiss

Others: Karen Clementi, Deanna Doohaluk, Beth Vogt, Bob Morris, Jack Russell, Faye Sinnott, Chris Walton, Holly Hudson, Mike Ott, Leonard Dane, Karoline Qasam, Megan Mikolsek, Chris Buckley, Allyse Olson, Keith Powell

On the Phone: Laura Marscasiano, Faye Sinnott, Mike Casper, Cyrus McMains, Kyla Jacobsen, Holly Hudson, Mike Millette, Mike Kies, Dan Langguth, **Carl Fischer**

Minutes

Approval of Minutes of January 2020 meeting. Motion by Bob, Mark second. Passed unanimously.

Feb. 12 E-Vote: Motion by Megan, second by Art, and Ayes from 8 board members (Cindy, Bob, Rob, Eric, Megan, Tim, Art, Mark) to approve payment of \$6,000 invoice from Public Policy Polling.

Treasurer's Report – Tom

- Tom and Norma have sent out 2020 invoices to communities.
- Bills to pay- Motion by Bob, second by Mark to approve \$10 fee for annual report to Secretary of State. Motion passed unanimously.
- 2019 in-kind time and expenses now needed for 2019 report to IRS. Volunteer hours, meeting attendance, mileage, equipment and lab expenses all count.

Old Business

National water trail — The draft letter in support of the trail was discussed. Art will ask Karen Miller to add information to future publications about the trail designation having no regulatory role. It was decided to add a statement to the letter that our understanding is that there will be no regulatory consequences for this designation. Motion to approve sending the letter of support as modified by Mark, second by Megan. Passed unanimously.

Modeling/Monitoring Committee

- The committee has discussed how the model handles ammonia and is satisfied that it is not an issue for our use of the model. Geosyntec will submit an updated draft report.
- Geosyntec change order request for \$7,000. Committee recommends board approval. Motion by Art to approve, second by Tim. Motion approved unanimously.

Dam Removal

Rob reported he is keeping in touch with Ken Anderson at the Kane Co. Forest Preserve District about the Carpenter dam removal. Consultant selection for the removal project is in process. FRSG will potentially assist with water quality monitoring and macro invertebrate monitoring, other ancillary services that meet our purposes. Cindy to reach out to Gregg Good about requesting IEPA assistance since they are working on their 5-year budget.

Communications Committee

Mark reported phone survey is complete and Aileron's interviews are complete with outside key community members. The committee will be talking with Aileron next week. The online survey is being distributed on Facebook and other media. FRSG will advertise the survey at the One Earth Film Fest on March 9.

Miscellaneous Discussion

Chad from IDNR and Andy from Rock Island District ACOE met and are working toward getting the study underway. We are awaiting approval from Army Corps headquarters. IDNR says they likely do not have funds for the study so FRSG will need to fund all or part. Army Corps may need some additional funding too; Cindy has told them to let us know if there is a need. Cindy requested IDNR send FRSG a template MOA so we can work on that while we are awaiting the Corps approval to proceed. The group also discussed future funding mechanisms at the state and federal level for actual dam removals.

Kane County Riverboat Grant funds reimbursement and final reports were submitted last week. Cindy, Norma, and Karen pulled all the paperwork together.

Karen is working on FRSG's draft 2019 report for the IEPA. It will be sent to board for input and submitted to the IEPA and shared with wastewater facilities' representatives before the March 31 due date.

The FRSG Long Range Planning Committee is meeting by phone next week.

Events

- Cindy and Tom to staff the OEFF booth on March 9 from 6-9 pm. Cindy and Karen will get together display materials; Karen will make a QR code that links to the survey.
- There was discussion about upcoming events in March and April.

The next meeting will be held on April 30.

Meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m.