

Fox River Study Group
Board of Directors Meeting via Conference Call
9:30 AM December 17, 2020

In Attendance: Board Members: Cindy Skrukud, Bob Trueblood, Tom Muth, Alyse Olson, Art Malm, Eric Weiss, Mark Phipps, Rob Linke

Others: Josie Woger, Karen Clementi FMWRD, Leonard Dane Deuchler, Chris Walton EEI, Dave Lampert IIT, Holly Hudson CMAP, Mike Ott Strand, Beth Vogt, Jack Russell FRWRD, Dan Langguth Crystal Lake, Mike Casper Barrington, Susan Quasney Village of Oswego, Faye Sinnott, FCSCWP, Carl Fischer Baxter & Woodman, Karoline Qasem Geosyntec, John Stein Village of Cary, Laura Newman City of Batavia, Scott Kuykendall McHenry Co., Cyrus McMains YBSD, Greg Chismark WBK, Bob Morris

Everyone introduced themselves.

Minutes Motion by Bob, second by Mark to approve minutes of November 19, 2020 meeting with minor corrections. Motion approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Tom presented the latest financial report. He reported that the ending balance at Harris Bank on 11/30 is \$230,792.29.

Tom presented these bills for payment:

- Bills to pay:
 - Geosyntec November 2020 modeling invoice \$2,476.00
 - Deuchler Engineering for Carpenter Dam monitoring \$4,386.28
 - PorteBrown for final audit invoice \$3,500.00

Motion by Bob, second by Mark to approve bill payments. Motion approved unanimously. Bob suggested that FRSG plan to send out 2021 contribution invoices with credit indicated per board's decision to reduce 2020 and 2021 contributions to 50% normal rate.

Monitoring/Modeling Committee

- Carpenter Dam water quality study by Deuchler. Data has been supplied to Geosyntec for modeling and to ISWS for inclusion in the FoxDB. Data is available on Dropbox and to the FRSG board. Memo is complete and has been supplied to the board. The memo will also be posted on the website.
- In process – committee will pursue contract in place with ISWS to update FoxDB as is customarily done every 2-3 years to keep the database current.
- Rob reported that Kane County will begin sampling nine agricultural area streams in 2021 on the 3rd Tuesday to align with FRSG monthly monitoring. Small stream with tile outlets are the focus of the study with 7 sites in the Fox watershed and 2 in the Kishwaukee watershed.
- In process – committee had provided input to Geosyntec on the proposed scope of work for updating 2014 technical memo by Illinois State Water Survey on phosphorus sources by subwatershed.
- Scenarios work update- Karoline reported that Geosyntec has completed initial model scenario runs and the results are under internal review. Geosyntec will schedule a call to discuss with the committee in January.
- Indian Creek Plan update- Holly reported project MOU on HSPF modeling is in process by CMAP and invoices for FRSG's contribution will be forthcoming. They are looking at community plans to develop a future land use layer for a future pollutant loading scenario. Karoline gave an update and

answered questions on the model's hydrological calibration; Geosyntec is now working on the water quality calibration. Dave Lampert and Karoline will connect on models.

Communications Committee

- Cindy presented the sample letter/resolution in support of the Army Corps including the Fox River Connectivity & Habitat Study in their 2021 workplan. She asked communities and organizations to send in their letters of support as soon as they can. It was suggested that we ask communities north of the study area to also offer letters of support. Cindy will check in with Army Corps and IDNR for updates.
- All agreed to this 2021 meeting schedule: 4th Thurs Jan-Sept., Annual Meeting Oct. 28, Nov. 18, Dec. 16.

Other Updates

- Cindy reported the virtual Fox River Summit date has been changed to March 11, 2021 to be held in conjunction with Wisconsin Water Week. We will have Becky post info on the summit and 2020 minutes on the FRSG website.
- Holly reported on the Fox River Corridor study that CMAP is coordinating with McHenry County for the reach from Johnsburg to Crystal Lake. Holly asked for help on who to reach out to help with the Stratton Dam management section of the plan. Suggestions for contacts at IDNR and Army Corps were provided to Holly.