

Fox River Study Group
Board of Directors Meeting via Conference Call
9:30 AM February 25, 2021

In Attendance: Board Members: Cindy Skrukud, Alyse Olson, Mark Phipps, Tim Wilson, Art Malm, Bob Trueblood, Tom Muth

Others: Dan Langguth, City of Crystal Lake, Chris Walton, EEL, Beth Vogt, Jack Russell FRWRD, Mike Casper, Village of Barrington, Faye Sinnott, FC/SCWP, Carl Fischer, Baxter & Woodman, Mike Ott, Strand, Leonard Dane, Deuchler, Josie Woger, FMWRD, Susan Quasney, Oswego, Rishab Mahajan, Geosyntec, Dave Lampert, Illinois Tech, Karen Clementi FMWRD, Bob Morris

Everyone introduced themselves.

Motion by Bob, second by Tim to approve minutes of January 28, 2021 meeting. Motion approved unanimously.

Members of the Fox River Study Group board and Karen Clementi met by phone on Feb. 9 to discuss 2021 officers and committee chairs. The Modeling/Monitoring Committee reported on the efforts they are working on. The board gave their approval for the committee to request a scope of work from Geosyntec to update the FRIP and for Cindy to work on an updated letter to the Army Corps Division Commander in support of including the Fox River Connectivity & Habitat Study in the FY22 budget and workplan.

Treasurer's Report Tom Muth presented the financial report. Mark and Tom will take care of CDers that are coming due. Motion by Bob, second by Mark to pay bills: Deuchler-\$303.75, FRWRD for USGS-\$6050. Motion approved unanimously.

Election of officers and approval of committee chairs-Bob presented a slate of officers and made a motion to approve: Cindy-chair, Mark-vice chair, Tom-treasurer, Eric-secretary, Art-assistant secretary. Second by Tom. Motion approved unanimously. Committee chairs were also finalized: Modeling-Rob, Monitoring-Karen, Communications & Budget-Mark.

Modeling Committee Motion by Bob, second by Mark to approve \$13,000 Geosyntec contract to update ISWS P load memo. Motion by Bob, second by Tom to approve \$21,700 Geosyntec Change Order for combined scenarios runs. Both motions approved unanimously.

Communications Committee Mark will set up a committee meeting to discuss plans for Aileron and others help in 2021. Aileron has completed branding work including a new logo, website update and factsheet, along with the resident survey. Additional work products discussed included a press release on the 2020 IDNR fish study, factsheet on dam removal and a summation on public private property limits along the Fox River.

Budget Committee Mark will set up a committee meeting to update the group's Ten-Year Financial Plan.

Monitoring Committee Karen has reached out to the agencies we want to work with in 2021 on various projects. ISWS staff will schedule a call to discuss a work plan to update our database and perform a trends analysis on water quality parameters they did not analyze in their 2019 report. The next step on the pre-removal mussel survey of the Carpenter Dam is a call with INHS staff. Karen and Clint are working on a 3-year extension to the USGS contract to continue monitoring at the Stratton Dam.

Army Corps Connectivity & Habitat Study Cindy has updated the FRSG letter to Commander Holland requesting that the study be included in the FY22 budget and workplan. The board okayed sending it out. Cindy will also send a sample letter of support to the FRSG email list and ask that other groups also send in letters. Board members have reviewed and provided input on the draft Joint Funding Agreement we have received from IDNR regarding the FRSG providing the local cost-share funds to complete the study. Beth will have FRWRD' lawyer review the indemnification call.

Upcoming events The group discussed these upcoming events.

- Virtual Fox River Summit, Thursday March 11 in conjunction with Wisconsin Water Week [Registration](#)
- Virtual One Earth Film Fest, Saturday, March 13, 11am [Registration](#) Film is *Kiss the Ground* with Woody Harrelson.

2020 Annual Report to IEPA Karen and Cindy will get a draft of the report out to the board before the March meeting so it is ready for wastewater facilities to submit by March 31.

Next meeting will be held virtually on Thursday, March 25 at 9:30 am.