

**Fox River Study Group
Board of Directors Meeting
June 25, 2020 Minutes**

Board Members: Alyse Olson, Cindy Skrukrud, Tom Muth, Tim Wilson, Bob Trueblood, Mark Phipps, Rob Linke, Art Malm

Others: Peter Gray, Aileron Communications; Mike Casper, Village of Barrington; Mike Ott, Strand Associates; Keith Powell, EEI; Karen Clementi, FMWRD; Leonard Dane, Deuchler; Carrie Carter, Deuchler; Faye Sinnott; Jack Russell, FRWRD; Rishab Mahajan, Geosyntec; Holly Hudson, CMAP; Carl Fischer; Bob Morris

Everyone introduced themselves, and Alyse Olson introduced herself as the Fox River Ecosystem Partnership's new representative to the board. Alyse is the new Resource Conservationist with the Kendall County SWCD.

Approval of minutes of May 28, 2020 meeting. Motion by Bob, second by Mark. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Tom Muth presented the financial report for May and reported the group is in a sound financial position. CDARS matured and renewed for 1 month, Tom and Mark will continue to shop around for the best investment opportunities. He reported all 2020 contributions have been received. Porte Brown started the 2019 audit this week; all 2019 in-kind will be needed soon for the 990 report to the IRS. Tom presented two bills for payment:

- Aileron for website development: \$4,162.00
- Geosyntec May 2020 bill: \$1,131.50

Motion to approve payment of bills by Bob, second by Mark. Motion passed unanimously.

Cindy reported on progress on the re-start of the Army Corps 519 project: Fox River Connectivity & Habitat. IDNR has provided the Corps with a letter that they are ready to restart the project. The project is now at the Corp's Division office for approval to proceed.

Monitoring/Modeling Committee reports

Carpenter Dam pre-removal surveys UIUC is working on the contract for the INHS mussel Carpenter Dam pre-removal survey. Rob reminded folks that IDNR and IEPA donating fish and macroinvertebrate work as in-kind services. The committee is recommending that the board approve the water quality proposal for Carpenter Dam pre-removal survey received from Deuchler. Art would still like algae sensor added to a sonde and is concerned about lack of suspended solids data. Rishab explained the modeling needs and sufficiency of the scope of work for the group's needs. Motion to approve the proposal as presented by Bob, second by Tim. Motion passed unanimously.

Modeling work Rishab reported that Geosyntec is working on updates to the model needed before the scenarios work can begin. They are incorporating earlier months into the model so we will be able to use the model to evaluate the impacts of various management scenarios for both low flow and high flow periods. They will set up a meeting with the modeling committee once the work is done.

Indian Creek Plan update Holly said she is working on MOU with FRSG. The group discussed whether FRSG wanted to have a representative on the steering committee since Mark, Rob and Karen are already serving on the plan's advisory team. Tim volunteered to serve on the steering committee. The draft resource inventory is due to IEPA at the end of July.

Communications Committee report

Aileron gave a presentation of the draft website update. The website will go live after input from the committee and other updates are completed.

Other updates

- The Fox River Water Quality Model Update Report & Appendices posted to website.
- IEPA has announced two new funding opportunities with grant application due dates in August.
 - FY21 319 Notice of Funding Opportunity is posted at <https://www2.illinois.gov/epa/topics/water-quality/watershed-management/nonpoint-sources/Pages/grants.aspx> \$4.5M available. Grant applications due August 3.
 - Green Infrastructure Grant Opportunities Program applications due August 21. \$5M available. <https://www2.illinois.gov/epa/topics/grants-loans/water-financial-assistance/Pages/gigo.aspx>

Next meeting format was discussed and will be held at 9:30 am on July 23 by conference call.