

**Fox River Study Group
Board of Directors Meeting via Conference Call
9:30 AM July 27, 2023**

In Attendance:

Board Members: Cindy Skrukrud, Karen Clementi, Brian Witkowski, Rob Linke, Alyse Olson, Eric Johnson, Debra Ness

Others:

- Dan Langguth, City of Crystal Lake
- Jodi McCarthy, Manhard (representing Villages of Port Barrington, Lake Zurich, Volo, Round Lake Beach and Lakemoor)
- Karolina Cho, Gewalt Hamilton Associates representing: Fremont Township, Grant Township, Antioch Township, Avon Township, Ela Township, Village of Fox Lake, Village of Lake Barrington
- Emily Conti, EEI
- Sam Youssef, FRWRD
- Mike Ott, Strand
- Anna Kootstra, Wauconda
- Phil Cotter, Village of East Dundee
- Zac Bonesz, City of Batavia
- Rishab Mahajan, Geosyntec
- Naren Patel, Fehr Graham
- Lindsay Muth, Trotter and Associates, Inc.
- Cyrus McMains, YBSD
- Logan Gilbertsen, HR Green
- Bob Van Gyseghem, City of Geneva
- Steven Polaskey, FMWRD
- Andrea Pracht, HR Green
- John Stein, Village of Cary

Meeting began at 9:30 am with self-introductions

Minutes:

Motion by Karen, Second Brian to approve minutes of the June 22nd and October 20 meetings
Motion approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

June Financial report - Karen presented the Treasurer's report. June 30 FRSG balance at Old Second Bank was \$447,876.68. The BMO Harris savings balance was \$1,212.58 and the BMO checking balance was \$23,324.80. With withdrawals not shown of \$89.47

Motion by Brian, second by Rob to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion passed unanimously

Chair's Report –

Karen - Provided an update on the IAWA meeting success and attendees, the presentation is available for public use.

Cindy provided an update on the Army Corps Study and Schedule. General conversation occurred that the new project manager of Cody Johnson – hasn't schedule to partners meeting but will be soon. The Army Corps is still on schedule for the September public release, FRSG team provided input on public meetings. Army Corps would like to hold public meetings the week of September 15th. One proposed meeting location is St Charles and they are looking for other suggestions. Conversation proceeded about locations, Army Corp team would like to see meetings in or near in the three regions of the study area. FRSG members offered Elgin, Aurora and St Charles. The FRSG team also offered to be on the call with the IEPA to discuss the plans and public meeting.

There was a conversation that several Cities still have interested in meeting with Army Corp Prior public release of the documents. There was a conversation about public question what is expected in the report? Army Corps in May/June sent in the tentatively selective plan. It was discussed the plan suggested dam removal of from Carpentersville to Montgomery, the public release documents will provide additional details, pending public hearing their study focus is habitat and fish.

Rob noted he is looking forward to the public meeting and hoping the public participates. Tim suggested the Army Corp is cutting close to the planned meetings with share holders. Cindy will send over the new Army Corps contact info to the FRSG Board.

Finance Committee

Karen provided an update on the audit process, she also needs the in kind of services. by August 5th . Confirms will be sent to the cities for the payment.

Modeling/Monitoring Committee

Rob is going to try to schedule a committee meeting in the next week. Rob has some updated info from Geosyntec and is hoping to come back to the board with an update.

Holly is working on the wrapping up the plan for Indian Creek, also will be posted on CMAP for public review. Goals is the best use of BMP or placement of these nits, looking at load reduction and estimated cost.

Rob provided an update on the Carpentersville Dam the project is still in the permit process but is not out to bid yet. Army Corps and DNR Permits.

Communications Committee

Brian will be reach out for speakers and put up a schedule, Great Lakes is asking for guest speaker.

Annual Meeting Committee

Tim provided an update on meetings

Dam Communications Subcommittee

Cindy provided a update for Art – The committees have received several proposals from Gilmore Marketing and the committee is planning on meeting to discuss.

NPDES FRSG Special Condition Committee

Karen – Provided some up dates on what Cindy, Beth and Tim provided to the IEPA for comments.

Upcoming events/other updates

Sam Youssef (FRWRD) - is looking for a new lab tech additional information is available at FRWRD or Contact Sam Youssef, cell-847/343-2714, syoussef@frwr.com

Cindy provided some additional information on an IEPA Green Infrastructure Grants:
<https://il.amplifund.com/Public/Opportunities/Details/8eb59a23-1ba2-4930-acf3-2622dbb7e364>

- o BMP Talk & Tour: How to Create Successful Native Pollinator Gardens, 1-3 pm Friday, July 28, Johnsburg Junior High School, 2220 W Church St, Johnsburg [Details & To RSVP](#)
- o BMP Talk & Tour: Green Infrastructure for Flood Mitigation, 1-3 pm Friday, August 4, Crystal Lake City Hall, 100 Woodstock St, Crystal Lake [Details & To RSVP](#)

Alyse provided an update and information about the following FREP meeting

- o FREP Noon Network on Wednesday, August 9, Noon-1:30 pm at Belrose Farm property near Serena, IL in LaSalle County. The Conservation Foundation will provide a tour of their new Belrose Farm property. Brook McDonald and Dan Lobbes will lead the tour. Reservations are required. For more info and to reserve a spot visit: <https://foxriverecosystem.org/fox/meetings-news>
- Links to videos/slides of past events
 - o [FREP Feb. Noon Network Video](#) Mussel species in the Fox River Watershed in WI and IL." Alison Stodola, Aquatic Biologist, INHS
 - o "Total Maximum Daily Loads for Total Phosphorus and Total Suspended Solids in the Fox Illinois River Basin" (FOXIL TMDL). Project website: <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/TMDLs/FOXIL>
 - o Fox River Summit 2023 presentations on [YouTube](#). Past presentations are at drop-down menu at <https://www.southeastfoxriver.org/foxriversummit>

Next Meeting:

Cindy provided the date of the next FRSG board meeting of August 24th

The meeting was adjourned at 10:19 am