

Fox River Study Group
Board of Directors Meeting via Conference Call
9:30 AM January 28, 2021

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

Others: Josie Woger, Karen Clementi FMWRD, Leonard Dane Carrie Carter 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, Faye Sinnott, FCSCWP, Carl Fischer Baxter & Woodman, Rishab Mahajan Geosyntec, Cyrus McMains YBSD, Greg Chismark WBK, Bob Morris, Jose Chavez, Cody Hansen Jillian Kiss Trotter, Christina Smith City of St. Charles

Everyone introduced themselves.

Minutes Motion by Bob, second by Mark to approve minutes of December 20, 2020 meeting. Motion approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Tom presented the latest financial report. He reported that the ending balance at Harris Bank on 12/31/2020 is \$220,449.48. Remaining balance is in CDARS.

Tom presented these bills for payment:

- Bills to pay:
 - Hoag Communications \$310.00
 - Deuchler Engineering \$702.00
 - CMAP \$15,994.22

Motion by Bob, second by Art to approve bill payments. Discussion ensued regarding paperwork for reimbursement to CMAP for Indian Creek modeling. Motion approved unanimously.

Monitoring/Modeling Committee

- Carpenter Dam
 - INHS pre-dam removal mussel study is scheduled for 2021. FRSG needs to finalize the contract. We will make sure that this project aligns with mussel studies in the ACOE study and any mussel study requirements the Kane County Forest Preserve District has for their permits for the dam removal as well.
 - ISWS contract to update FoxDB: The committee is discussing what we need ISWS to do for us in 2021 and will bring back to the board.
 - Presentation from Art on analyzing the upstream data will be posted on the FRSG website.
- Presentation from Rishab on Watershed Management Scenarios Results Summary. Slides will be posted on the FRSG website. A more detailed presentation will be provided after the combined scenarios are completed. Committee will bring back a recommendation to the board on the combined scenarios change order we are working out with Geosyntec.
- Holly Hudson reported work is proceeding on Indian Creek plan. Second draft of watershed inventory was submitted to IEPA at the end of January. Geosyntec has water quality model set up, completed TSS calibration and is working on nutrients calibration.

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. A registration link was provided in the meeting chat.

- Virtual One Earth Film Fest sponsorship-This year's film for the Fox River Valley Fest is [Kiss the Ground](#) which will be shown on Saturday, March 13 at 11am. Motion to approve a \$100 FRSG sponsorship by Tom, second by Bob. Motion approved unanimously.
- Army Corps Connectivity & Habitat Study status & IDNR MOA. Thank you to all for the letters of support. Unfortunately, the project was not included in the approved FY2021 work plan. ACOE was onboard but OMB cut the expenditure. Cindy is optimistic that with the Army Corps' support the plan will be included in the FY2022 budget.
- Support for Friends of the Fox River Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Grant application. Board approved a letter of support. Cindy sent in last night. Thank you from Art on behalf of FOFR.
- USGS sonde contract for monitoring at the McHenry dam ends in September 2021. There was discussion on whether to extend the contract with USGS with consensus that we should continue monitoring at this upstream boundary of our study area. Monitoring committee will discuss and provide a recommendation to the board.
- Cindy is working on a FRSG update for the Illinois Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy (NLRs) 2021 biennial report. Cindy and Karen to subsequently start on IEPA annual report.
- Holly mentioned CMAP Fox River Corridor Plan in progress. Online visioning survey is available through mid-February. The link was provided in the meeting chat.
- City of Aurora and Fox Metro WRD will be holding their annual CSO meeting online Feb. 10 at 5 p.m. for the Public Notification requirements of their respective permits.
- The FRSG's next meeting will be virtual at 9:30am on Thursday, February 25.