

Fox River Study Group Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting via Conference Call
May 28, 2020

Board members on the call: Mark Phipps, Art Malm, Cindy Skrukrud, Tim Wilson, Tom Muth, Eric Weiss, Rob Linke, Bob Trueblood, Alyse Olson

Other attendees: Karen Clementi, Fox Metro WRD, Mike Casper, Village of Barrington, Phil Cotter, Village of East Dundee, Chris Walton, EEI, Carl Fischer, Baxter & Woodman, Susan Quasney, Village of Oswego, Jillian Kiss, Trotter and Associates, Rishab Mahajan, Geosyntec Consultants, Leonard Dane, Deuchler Engineering Corp, Beth Vogt, FRWRD, Bob Morris, Holly Hudson, CMAP Chad Craycraft, IDNR, Clint Bailey, USGS

Board members introduced themselves. All others were asked to record their attendance in the google doc.

Motion by Bob, second by Mark to approve the minutes of April 30, 2020 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Actions taken since last meeting:

Fox River Study Group E-Votes completed May 18, 2020.

Motion by Mark Phipps, second by Rob Linke to approve the Indian Creek HSPF proposal as recommended by the Modeling Committee. The HSPF update will cost \$66,500 with \$15,000 paid by CMAP and FRSG to pay the remainder- \$51,500.

Ayes: Mark Phipps, Rob Linke, Tom Muth, Bob Trueblood

Nays: Eric Weiss, Art Malm, Tim Wilson

Motion passes.

Motion by Mark, second by Rob for Board to approve the Geosyntec Change Order for Scenarios Phase of Work as recommended by the Modeling Committee. The cost of this phase of work is \$44,000.

Motion passed unanimously.

Tom provided the Treasurer's Report. The financial report for April was presented. He reported almost all 2020 contributions have been received.

Motion to allow Tom and Mark to research to conservative avenues to reinvest current CDAR funds.

Motion by Bob, second by Tim. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to pay by Mark, second by Eric to pay from invoice FRWRD to reimburse for USGS work of \$6,050. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Bob, second by Mark to authorize Tom to enter agreement with existing auditors for 2019.

Motion passed unanimously. 2019 In-Kind reports are needed for the audit.

Long Range Financial Planning Committee Report-

- Overview of 10-year planning spreadsheet

- Motion by Bob and second by Art to reduce 2020 and 2021 contribution by 50% by. 2021 funding request letter and invoices will show a credit. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Cindy to work a letter or email out this year with a recap and financial plan.
 - Motion by Bob, second by Eric to approve the 10-year financial plan as presented (the 50% reduction version) with an annual review. Motion passed unanimously.
- Army Corps Study Update

Cindy had a call with Chad Craycraft at IDNR last week. IDNR has provided a letter of support to USACOE to restart the study. The Rock Island District is waiting approval from HQ on getting the study going again. IDNR's intention is then to work with FRSG on a MOA to begin. Holly mentioned that entire Fox River watershed will soon be covered by Chicago District and asked how does this affect the study. Chad Craycraft said it will stay with Rock Island District as the lead.
- Modeling/Monitoring Committee Update
 - Carpenter Dam-planning for studies before and after removal- Rob

Looking at approach to biological and water quality monitoring for pre-dam removal. Follow-up questions with INHS on the mussel survey. Reference sites questions by Art, Rob will add to followup question list. Motion to approve executing contract with INHS for mussel survey by Bob, second by Tom. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee put together an RFP for water quality work after minor clarification items by subcommittee. Motion to send out by Bob, second by Rob. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Geosyntec update- Rishab reported they held internal kickoff meeting yesterday and are beginning work to update the model to include the May-October 2012 period. This period was chosen as it has both low flow periods and a high flow period in May that will help with simulating the impacts of non-point source best management practices.
 - Indian Creek HSPF modeling-Holly & Mark.

CMAP is leading a watershed-based plan development funded through IEPA and incorporating a HSPF update for the watershed that FRSG is funding. Mark, Rob, and Karen are on the advisory committee. Holly asked if FRSG wants to have a rep on the steering committee, which is made up of elected officials and environmental groups. Mark and Holly will work on a MOU between FRSG and CMAP. FREP will host a website for the project.
 - USGS update- Clint reported that the Stratton (McHenry) dam sonde was deployed on May 18. Wifi modem was bad and is being replaced today. Continuous data should be live this afternoon; data from May 18 to today will be uploaded. Clint is still working on

setting up an arrangement with a lab for discrete sampling for blue green algae to complement the sonde continuous data.

- Fox River dam presentation on May 21 via webinar went well. Available on youtube at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7t20md8XXyA>
- Reminder that Fox River is a priority watershed for 319 funding this year. Due August 3.
- Next meeting- 9:30 am, June 25 by conference call. We will consider July meeting at the Center in Elgin where social distancing could be possible.