

**Fox River Study Group MINUTES**  
**Board of Directors Meeting via Conference Call**  
**9:30 AM April 30, 2020**

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

Other attendees: John Wills, Clint Bailey, Mike Casper, Chris Walton, Kyla Jacobsen, Susan Quasney, Rishab Mahajan, Karen Clementi, Holly Hudson, Jack Russell, Dan Langguth, Leonard Dane, Deanna Doohaluk, Walter Voegel, Jillian Kiss, Cyrus McMains, Maggie Soliz, Faye Sinnott, Phil Cotter, Bob Morris

Everyone was introduced. Megan Andrews was acknowledged for representing FREP on the board. Megan is leaving this role as she transitions to working for NRCS in Kendall County.

Motion by Bob, second by Mark to approve of minutes of the February 27, 2020 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Tom presented the Treasurer's Report with thank yous to the communities who have made their 2020 contributions. He requested that 2019 In-Kind reports be turned in.

Motion to pay by Mark, second by Eric to pay 3 bills: Geosyntec thru Feb: \$7,593.25, Aileron: \$5000 and FRWRD for USGS: \$6050. Motion passed unanimously.

The 2019 Annual Report was submitted to IEPA and posted on website. Thanks to Cindy and Karen for getting this done.

Tim Wilson suggested posting annual budget on website. The Long Range Funding Committee is working on finalizing a few items in the 10-year budget. Mark will send reminders to members for getting those items plugged into the spreadsheet and will discuss with board at next meeting. Eric suggested to also add the treasurer's report to the minutes.

Modeling/Monitoring Committee Update

Clint reported USGS is under lockdown order so they cannot install McHenry Dam sonde since it is not an essential project. He has a request in for permission to install since it could be done with social distancing respected.

Rishab reported modeling report is completed and will be posted to the website. Scenarios plans have been discussed with the committee which recommends proceeding with the scope of work. In response, Geosyntec provided a change order of \$44,000 for this phase of work, prompting a discussion of expenditures to date vs. original scope. The committee will work it through with Geosyntec and come back to board with a recommendation within the next week for an E-vote.

There was discussion of the anticipated financial constraints on communities over the next few years. The Long Range Funding Committee will factor this into their forecasting of revenues and expenditures.

#### Indian Creek HSPF modeling-Holly & Mark

CMAP is leading the effort to develop a watershed-based plan for the Indian Creek watershed funded through IEPA. A pollutant load modeling is required as part of the watershed-based plan. This is an opportunity to update and utilize the HSPF model for this watershed, which the Long Range Funding Plan envisions doing on a watershed basis to spread out the cost. CMAP would pay a portion of the cost, they are requesting FRSG cover the rest. Our HSPF model is much more site-specific than the simple model CMAP generally uses elsewhere. CMAP doesn't have a capability to run this model in house so would hire Geosyntec for this work. The modeling committee will discuss and come back to the board in the next week with a recommendation.

#### Carpenter Dam-planning for studies before and after removal- Rob

Rob provided a memo with a plan for FRSG to coordinate pre and post-removal studies of the Carpenter Dam (in Carpentersville). The Forest Preserve District of Kane County is moving forward with the project and anticipate removal in 2021. These In-kind services have been lined up: IDNR will sample fish; IEPA will sample macroinvertebrates. We have received a proposal from the Illinois Natural History Survey to sample for mussels at a cost of \$22,686. FRSG will use the 2012 low flow protocols for water quality monitoring to get a consultant on board to do the water quality monitoring. There was discussion of cost vs. benefits of the parts of this study that FRSG would need to fund. Rishab suggested we also reach out to IDOT as they are willing to install a water quality monitoring probe in this Fox River reach.

#### Communications Committee Update- Mark Phipps

Mark presented the recommended logo, mission, description and history update for website that Aileron developed and the committee has reviewed and edited. Motion by Eric, second by Bob to approve the updates. Motion passed unanimously. Mark asked for help in collecting website photos and permissions to use.

Army Corps Study update- Cindy reported that the Army Corps is waiting for a letter from IDNR to support the request to Corps leadership to restart the study.

#### Other updates

Deanna reported there was great participation and newspaper articles generated from an April 7 virtual press conference on dam removal in Illinois. There will be a Fox River dam presentation on May 21 via webinar. There is also a good DuPage River Salt Creek webinar on wastewater with regard to COVID-19 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ohQjTC2Dxok&feature=youtu.be>

Next meeting- 9:30 am, May 28 by conference call