

Fox River Study Group

Minutes of the meeting on January 11, 2005, in Oswego, IL. The meeting was called to order about 9:05 AM.

Attendance:

Directors

Officers Present: P. Anderson, T. Muth, C. Skrukruud, G. Hergenroeder

Officers Absent: Tri-Cities

Other Directors Present: K. Anderson, R. Linke, K. Rudensiuk

Other Directors Absent: S. Andras

Guests

A. Bartosova, D. Kaptain, S. McConkey, P. Moreau, A. Rae, J. Singh

Topics:

Approval of minutes from December 15, 2004

Move to approve by K. Anderson, second by Muth, passed.

Secretary Report

FRSG briefly reviewed the status of appointment letters for the Directors.

Treasurer's Report

Muth reported an expected deficit of \$13,213.11 after payments for Phase II efforts in one account, and a balance of \$109,490.80 in the second account.

Chair's Report

FRSG briefly discussed the December 15, 2004 presentation about FRSG work at the Fox River Ecosystem Partnership (FREP) meeting. Skrukruud noted that the presentation was successful.

Skrukruud asked about a new representative to FRSG from the Tri-Cities. Muth noted that he had a discussion with Bill McGrath of Batavia; McGrath will continue the discussion with others from the Tri-Cities.

ISWS prepared a request for information on animal feedlots and wild animals in the watershed. The request will be sent out through the FREP network and to various agencies with agriculture connections.

RFP Subcommittee

FRSG discussed the RFP for an inventory of NPDES information that Moreau drafted. Muth noted that FRSG should thank the RFP subcommittee, especially Moreau, for preparing the draft. Moreau suggested that proposals should be received by FRSG on March 8, 2005, and then forwarded to ISWS for evaluation. The expected award date would be May 16, 2005, so that work could start in June. We expect the work will take six months. K. Anderson suggested that detailed information should be available on a web page. Muth asked about the required time for

notice. Moreau noted that this document is not a bid, but a request for qualifications. Recent email from T. Kluge noted that he reviewed the draft and thought it was appropriate. FRSG members will review the draft and provide comments to Moreau by January 21, 2005.

ISWS joined the group and additional discussion followed on a project cost estimate, posting the RFP on the ISWS web site for FRSG, asking FREP about maintaining the FRSG bid web site (Linke will coordinate with B. Hoag at FREP), setting up a central email address to inventory all questions (Moreau will coordinate the email aspect).

Muth will arrange an advertisement in the Chicago Tribune announcing the RFP and pointing people toward the web site.

Hergenroeder asked about IEPA approval; Skrukud will contact Kluge for clarification.

ISWS Proposal for Phase II Part 6

ISWS discussed their outline for upcoming work. Discussion followed about the sequence of initial model calibration and the design of the monitoring network. It is likely the monitoring network will be designed in more than one stage. P. Anderson moved FRSG should prepare a letter of agreement for ISWS to continue with Part 6, Muth seconded, approved. Skrukud will draft the letter.

Schedule of next meeting

February 8, 2005 at 9 A.M. in Elgin.

Adjourned

The meeting adjourned about 11:30.

Minutes prepared by P. Anderson