

Fox River Study Group

Minutes of the meeting on January 17, 2008 in Oswego, IL. The meeting was called to order about 9:10 AM.

Attendance:

Directors

Officers Present: P. Anderson, T. Muth, C. Skrukud, R. Trueblood

Officers Absent:

Other Directors Present: K. Anderson, Eric Schoeny

Other Directors Absent: S. McCracken, R. Linke,

Advisers

R. Hummer, P. Moreau, J. Russell, J. Slowkowski, B. Yurdin

Topics:

Secretary's report

Approval of minutes from December 20, 2007. Motion to approve the minutes by K. Anderson, second by Muth, approved.

Annual appointment letters are due. Muth will check with tri-cities people regarding a replacement for White; Skrukud will check with appropriate people regarding the representative from the Blackberry Creek Watershed group.

Treasurer's report

Muth reported that the balance on December 31, 2007 was \$382,449.28. A check written to UIUC for Phase II Part 1a in the amount of \$40,005 has not cleared yet. A contribution recently received from United City of Yorkville is not included in this total. Muth reviewed a proposal from Hoag and Associates to continue to operate the FRSG web page (\$300 every six months), approved by all.

Chair's report

Skrukud summarized negotiations with UIUC regarding the ISWS monitoring project. Discussion followed on who would own the equipment once this monitoring project was complete, and which parts of the budget the overhead applied to. Skrukud will propose a plan where FRSG will begin with an approximately \$200,000 payment, which will be followed by a series of equal payments (approximately \$100,000 each) on a quarterly basis. Motion by K. Anderson, second Muth, approved.

Finance committee report

K. Anderson reported on committee (including Skrukud and P. Anderson) work on the Kane County Riverboat Fund proposal (\$100,000), which was submitted January 4th. K. Anderson also submitted a proposal to the Kane County Community Development Fund (\$20,000).

Moreau described his interaction on behalf of the FRSG reaching out to the Dunham Fund. The organization is about two years old; they have a mission to focus on cutting edge programs that address critical needs in their focus area, which covers part of the Fox River watershed. Based on two meetings with foundation directors, Moreau outlined the following steps: Letter of inquiry due February 1st, committee review and invitation to submit full proposal by March 15th, with final decision in the summer of 2008. Trueblood entered a motion to submit a letter of inquiry, second by Muth, approved.

Skrukrud asked about a potential proposal from the Fox River Ecosystem Partnership to the IL C2000 program. The proposal would be for funding to conduct a community outreach and education related to the FRSG work. There will be a draft proposal for review at the next FRSG meeting.

Skrukrud also noted that the committee will work on the next outreach letter to the watershed committee. Schoeny suggested that the FRSG should think about contacting MS4 communities in the watershed to make sure they are aware that the FRSG is a resource for their planning efforts. The committee will meet on January 25th at 10:30 at K. Anderson's office.

Monitoring Project Manager report

FRSG reviewed the more detailed budget information provided by Hey and Associates. Trueblood entered a motion to offer a 25% increase on the original budget to complete the contract. There was a second by Muth and the motion was approved.

Schedule of next meeting

The next regular FRSG meeting is scheduled for 9:00 AM on February 13, 2008, also in Oswego.

Adjourned

The meeting adjourned about 12 PM. Minutes prepared by P. Anderson