

Fox River Study Group

Minutes of the meeting on October 29, 2008 in Oswego, IL. The meeting was called to order about 9:35 AM.

Attendance:

Directors

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

Officers Absent:

Other Directors Present: K. Anderson, B. Ritchason, R. Linke, E. Schoeny

Other Directors Absent: S. McCracken,

Advisers and Guests

A. Bartosova, J. Slowikowski, W. Gillespie (ISWS); J. Russell (FRWRD); Ron Rudd (City of Elgin) (rudd_r@cityofelgin.org).

Topics:

Secretary's Report

Move to approve the minutes from October 1, 2008. Motion by Trueblood, second by Muth, approved by all.

P. Anderson noted that the FRSG is looking into filling an unused director position. K. Anderson moved that FRSG modify the by-laws (Article IV, Number 14) to change the assigned directors and replace the director from the Blackberry Creek watershed with another organization. Trueblood provided a second; the motion was approved by all. FRSG plans to address this issue at the annual meeting next month (any change in the by-laws must be announced one meeting in advance).

Treasurer's Report

Muth announced that the balance on September 30, 2008 was about \$12,997.52. He included a list of checks yet to clear, so the ending balance is now \$5,100.05. There is a new invoice from Hey & Associates (\$293.95) that remains to be processed. Trueblood moved to pay the invoice, Ritchason provided a second, and the motion was approved.

Muth will investigate potential exposure to bank failures.

Chair's Report

Skrukruud noted that FRSG was still waiting to hear from the Dunham Fund. Muth advised FRSG that should soon send out the annual invoices. Trueblood reported that the board at FRWD approved a contribution of \$25,000 to FRSG.

Skrukruud also announced the Yurdin (IEPA) asked for a progress report to support the FRSG request for an extension of the contract.

Discussion followed on plans for the FRSG annual meeting. ISWS will present modeling results and monitoring plans; FRSG will acknowledge all those who have contributed to the work of

FRSG; and FRSG will describe accomplishments, FRWRD and FMWRD will briefly discuss their related work; and FRSG will present future goals and present the budget for the future work. Skrukud will prepare a draft agenda for review.

P. Anderson will send an annual meeting invitation through the email contact list, and request a posting on the FRSG website. Each director will arrange announcements through their respective organizations.

ISWS Report

Bartosova reported that ISWS is interviewing for the positions to help with monitoring, equipment has been ordered, and base locations have been located. The water quality database has been updated to include two more years of monitoring data. Calibration is in process (temperature and suspended solids) for the watershed model. At the annual meeting Bartosova will summarize information from the survey of biological information and the most recent information on modeling. She also mentioned that ISWS is still trying to coordinate with the City of Elgin to identify one more CSO monitoring point.

A discussion of scenarios followed. Skrukud summarized the description, noting that we are interested in future potential land use and the effects on Fox River water quality. Other topics will be the effect of stormwater BMPs and point dischargers.

Schedule of Next Meeting

Nov. 20, board meeting at 9:30 AM, annual meeting at 10 AM

Dec. 18, 9:30 AM

Adjourned

The meeting adjourned about 11:40 AM. Minutes prepared by P. Anderson