

Fox River Study Group

Minutes of the meeting on February 13, 2008 in Oswego, IL. The meeting was called to order about 9:15 AM.

Attendance:

Directors

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

Officers Absent:

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

Other Directors Absent: S. McCracken,

Advisers

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

Topics:

Secretary's report

Approval of minutes from January 17, 2008. Motion to approve the minutes by Muth, second by Trueblood, approved.

Annual appointment letters were received for Muth (Fox Metro Water Reclamation District), and Trueblood (Fox River Water Reclamation District); others are being prepared. Skrukud and Muth are still investigating appointments from the Tri-Cities and from the Blackberry Creek Watershed Group.

Treasurer's report

The FRSG first payment to UIUC for ISWS work (\$40,005) recently cleared; Muth reported that the balance on January 31, 2008 was \$343,443.79. Skrukud entered a motion to make the next payment to UIUC (\$28,574), second by Muth, approved.

Chair's report

Skrukud summarized negotiations with UIUC regarding the ISWS monitoring project; a payment schedule with an initial payment of \$200,000 followed by subsequent quarterly payments of about \$100,000 appears to be acceptable to all.

Skrukud also relayed information about the discussion with Hey & Associates regarding contract negotiations. All parties are hoping to reach an agreement about how the work can be completed in 2008. Trueblood entered a motion that FRSG negotiators should limit the amount invested in the study to \$333,000 including the SOD work; the negotiators could communicate with FRSG through email to exceed that limit. The negotiation team will also discuss the need to complete the work by 2009. After considerable discussion there was a second by Muth and the motion was approved.

FRSG was asked to make a presentation at the IWEA meeting on March 20. P. Anderson volunteered for that task.

Finance committee report

Skrukrud reviewed the draft funding request letter to municipalities. There was agreement to identify in-kind contributors in the letter. The letter was approved.

Moreau noted that the Dunham Fund has a board meeting today to review their applications. If FRSG is invited to submit a full proposal, the due date is May 1st.

The Fox River Ecosystem Partnership is working on a proposal to the ILDNR C2000 program. Details will follow through email requesting a letter of support.

Skrukrud noted that IEPA 319 grants will be due August 1st.

Monitoring Project Manager report

Slowkowski reported on potential collaboration with USGS on parts of the Fox River Study. He has started work on organizing equipment; as soon as the contract is signed he can start hiring and ordering materials. He also reported on the work ISWS is doing for Fox Metro, which will address local stormwater planning (CSO Long-Term Control Plan) and will provide data for the FRSG work. Moreau also reported that they will probably use a model for that study that is different from the model that ISWS is developing for FRSG.

Schedule of next meeting

The next regular FRSG meeting is scheduled for 9:00 AM on March 6, 2008, in Oswego.

Adjourned

The meeting adjourned about 11:30 PM. Minutes prepared by P. Anderson