

Fox River Study Group

Minutes of the meeting on February 8, 2005, in Elgin, IL. The meeting was called to order about 9 AM.

Attendance:

Directors

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

Officers Absent: Tri-Cities

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

Other Directors Absent:

Guests

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

Topics:

Approval of minutes from January 11, 2005

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

Secretary Report

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

Treasurer's Report

Muth reported an expected deficit of \$13,035.85 after payments for Phase II efforts in one account, and a balance of \$109,672.94 in the second account.

Additional payments include the Tribune ad (\$325) and FRSG web page design (\$500). Muth moved to pay these bills, second by P. Anderson, passed. Muth moved to pay ISWS for Phase II, Part 4, second by P. Anderson, passed.

Chair's Report

FRSG is now officially a 501(c)(3) organization. Discussion followed about reviewing tax status and appropriate forms.

There was discussion about a new representative to FRSG from the Tri-Cities. Muth has been in contact with officials; it appears that P. Moreau will be appointed.

The FRSG current sample schedule involves monthly sampling at five tributaries. There is also some biomonitoring data for Tyler Creek. Kaptain will submit to IEPA data on behalf of FRSG.

RFP Subcommittee

Moreau noted that the new web page was impressive, and reported on the RFP. So far four parties have accessed information from the FRSG web page; additional groups are being contacted.

Following the March 8th meeting, ISWS will review technical details of the proposals and return their comments to FRSG. FRSG will review these recommendations and reach their conclusion at the April meeting.

IEPA Report

Kluge noted that IEPA could help review proposals for the water quality monitoring aspect of the study.

ISWS Report

IEPA requested recent water quality data; ISWS will submit data to IEPA on behalf of the FRSG.

McConkey noted that for the Part 6 contract FRSG will have to discuss the payment schedule with the U of I contract office.

McConkey briefly described her meeting at the Fox Waterways Agency; the emphasis at that meeting was on flood control and lake water level.

A. Bartosova reported on her meeting with USEPA personnel. USEPA suggested that biomonitoring data should be part of the work under the next grant, and there should be an effort to relate water quality data to biological activity. USEPA is apparently working on a proposal for biomonitoring in the Fox River watershed. Discussion followed about how to encourage complementary studies. FRSG will invite E. Hammer and C. Bauer to a future FRSG meeting.

J. Singh reported on the on-going Poplar Creek study.

Schedule of next meeting

March 8, 2005 at 9 A.M. at the Fox Metro Water Reclamation District offices in Oswego.

Adjourned

The meeting adjourned about 11:30.

Minutes prepared by P. Anderson