

# **Fox River Study Group**

Minutes of the meeting on March 25, 2009 in Oswego, IL. The meeting was called to order about 9:35 AM.

## **Attendance:**

### **Directors**

Officers Present: P. Anderson, T. Muth, C. Skrukrud, 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); Joe Ebers (City of Elgin); Bruce Yurdin (IEPA); Karen Clementi, Jered Willcook, P. Moreau (WE Deuchler & Assoc); Deanna Doohulak (Hey & Associates).

## **Topics:**

### **Secretary's Report**

Move to approve the minutes from February 25, 2009. Motion by Trueblood, second by Muth, approved by all.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Muth announced that the balance on February 28, 2009 was about \$355,494.35. Recent contributions from the City of St. Charles (\$6,700) and Kane County (\$84,000) are not included in this total.

Skrukrud noted that a payment is due (\$10) to the IL Secretary of State. A motion entered by Trueblood was seconded by Muth and approved by all.

Muth, Trueblood, and Moreau briefly reported on their recent meeting with Amy Walkenbach regarding the proposal to the 319 program. Walkenbach reported that the previous proposal needed more detail and a clearer description of objectives; the proposal was probably not targeted properly to the IEPA reviewing audience. In addition, the FRSG proposal described an education program whereas the 319 program emphasizes implementation.

Discussion followed about how the FRSG is a model for the third-party approach to conducting a TMDL. Trueblood commented that the FRSG effort is more than a TMDL. There was general agreement that the FRSG needs to do a better a job of selling our accomplishments. Yurdin suggested that FRSG should cite the clear connections to CSO work in the watershed. It would also help to make connections with Green Infrastructure concepts.

### **Chair's Report**

Skrukrud reported that she recently attended a Watershed Management Symposium at the IWEA conference. She also noted that FRSG will keep track of presentations related to FRSG work.

## **Hey & Associates Report**

Doohulak briefly described equipment needs for the monitoring effort, and their hopes to be able to borrow equipment from ISWS, FRSG partners, or others. Skrukud suggested that potential collaborators work through email. Hey & Associates will provide a contract for the work after the equipment issues are resolved. Trueblood suggested that the contract should be ready for review by the next FRSG meeting.

Doohulak also described the training efforts. Part 1 (indoor) will happen in May and Part 2 (field) will follow probably in June.

## **Macroinvertebrate Study**

Clementi summarized the WE Deuchler & Associates efforts to assess macroinvertebrates upstream and downstream of CSOs in the Aurora area. The information is especially relevant because the IEPA recognizes the importance of biological data. Sampling started in 2006, it was repeated in summers of 2007 and 2008, and they plan to repeat sampling in the summer of 2009. In conjunction with fish data they hope to be able to describe biological conditions throughout the region of their work.

## **Aurora's 319 Green Infrastructure Project**

Schoeny summarized the Aurora project.

## **ISWS Reports**

Modeling report. Bartosova briefly described the recent calibration efforts. She hopes to be able to report on nutrients and suspended solids work at the April meeting.

Monitoring report. Slowikowski reported on their efforts to coordinate their work with local officials.

## **Schedule of Next Meeting**

April 15 at 9:30 AM at the Fox River Water Reclamation District office in Elgin.

## **Adjourned**

The regular meeting adjourned about 11:45 AM. Minutes prepared by P. Anderson