

Fox River Study Group

Minutes of the meeting on April 10, 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,

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

Advisers

R. Hummer, J. Russell, J. Slowkowski, J. Wickenkamp (Hey & Associates), A. Bartosova, D. Doohaluk

Topics:

Hey & Associates Contract

Trueblood suggested that FRSG allow the existing contract with Hey & Associates to expire and then coordinate sampling using FRSG member resources and the QAPP to guide the work. Discussion followed about how to use the ISWS model to explore different scenarios for expanding the Fox River Water Reclamation Plant. Trueblood noted that FRWRD would contribute one-third of the cost and Muth noted that FMWRD would contribute one-third of the cost for an internal FRSG study. Wickenkamp described how the scope of work changed and why the current proposal from Hey & Associated was a very efficient work plan.

K. Anderson entered a motion that FRSG offer a counter-proposal: The new contract total will be \$330,000, the original sampling period (through September 2008) will be reinstated, existing SOD data will be assessed to ensure quality (if not new SOD data will be collected). There was a second by Trueblood, the motion passed. Wickenkamp will review the proposal with Hey & Associates.

Secretary's report

Approval of minutes from March 6, 2008. Motion to approve the minutes by Muth, second by Trueblood, approved.

Annual appointment letters were received for Skrukud (Sierra Club) and P. Anderson (Fox River Ecosystem Partnership). Skrukud and Muth are still investigating appointments from the Tri-Cities and from the Blackberry Creek Watershed Group.

Treasurer's report

FRSG received a contribution of \$6,700 from the City of St. Charles. With that deposit and including interest, Muth reported the balance on March 31, 2008 was \$324,252.51. Muth also mentioned that the auditor could complete this year's audit for a not-to-exceed cost of \$4800; Trueblood entered a motion to accept that proposal, K. Anderson seconded the motion, approved.

Chair's report

No report.

Finance committee report

Skrukud and others from FRSG met with representatives from the City of Elgin regarding their support of FRSG work. The City of Elgin agreed to support FRSG work over the next three years; the rate would be \$0.50 per capita. Kyla Jacobsen of the Elgin Water Filtration Plant reported that their contribution to FRSG work (fecal coliform analysis) amounted to \$11,800 in 2007. Jacobsen also wanted to confirm that fecal coliform rather than E. coli was the most appropriate analysis; Bartosova noted that for consistency with existing data the fecal coliform analysis was the most useful.

The Dunham Fund reviewed the FRSG and declined funding. FRSG will reassess and consider applying in the next funding cycle.

K. Anderson reported that the FRSG request for funding through the Community Development Block Grant was turned down.

Skrukud noted that an FRSG committee will begin work on a proposal for IEPA 319 funds.

ISWS report

Bartosova reported that ISWS is working on their proposal for the next phase of work. Trueblood will prepare scenarios for investigation regarding FRWRD plant expansion.

Schedule of next meeting

There will be a special meeting of FRSG is scheduled for 2:30 PM on April 28, 2008, in Oswego. The next regular FRSG meeting is scheduled for 9:00 AM on May 8, 2008, in Oswego.

Adjourned

The meeting adjourned about 11:20 PM. Minutes prepared by P. Anderson