

Fox River Study Group

Minutes of the meeting on April 28, 2008 in Oswego, IL. The meeting was called to order about 2:40 PM.

Attendance:

Directors

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

Officers Absent:

Other Directors Present: K. Anderson, Byron Ritchason (City of Batavia), E. Schoeny

Other Directors Absent: S. McCracken, R. Linke

Advisers and Guests

P. Moreau, Carrie Carter (Deuchler and Associates), Slowkowski (by phone for part of the meeting)

Topics:

Hey & Associates Contract

Skrukud led a discussion of the most recent proposal from Hey & Associates. Questions/issues generated during the discussion include:

- What skill level should the monitoring crew have? Slowkowski thought the two, half-day training sessions would be adequate.
- Provide additional information about the benthic algae sampling team and plan. Slowkowski recommended FRSG rely on the expertise of the team that Hey & Associates put together.
- The 2008 budget in the most recent proposal does not show any analytical costs. Slowkowski is confident that these costs are included in the budget.
- The 2008 budget in the most recent proposal does not show any payments to ISWS. Slowkowski thought that the revised proposal was consistent with his understanding of ISWS participation in the project.
- Has the USGS contributed to the project? Slowkowski does not believe that the USGS has done any work on the project.
- What activities take place during the initial "Preparation, Set-up, and Training"? Slowkowski said the original plan was to use the cross-section measurements from last year and then follow up with a post-measurement profile. To reduce the cost, the idea this year was to conduct a single cross-section measurement and assume that under similar flow regimes the profile would be similar. He expects the measurements would be done in June or July, closer to the projected August monitoring time. He also reminded FRSG that there are detailed maps/instructions for the monitoring sites and training that was conducted last time.

Muth and K. Anderson suggested FRSG request lien waivers demonstrating that subcontractors have been paid. This approach would clarify expenses. FRSG also asked for more detail about the 2008 budget.

Schedule of next meeting

The next FRSG meeting is scheduled for 9:30 AM on May 5, 2008, in Oswego.

Adjourned

The meeting adjourned about 4:30 PM. Minutes prepared by P. Anderson