

Fox River Study Group

Minutes of the meeting on May 5, 2008 in Oswego, IL. The meeting was called to order about 9:10 AM.

Attendance:

Directors

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

Officers Absent:

Other Directors Present: K. Anderson, B. Ritchason

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

Advisers

A. Bartosova, R. Hummer, P. Moreau, J. Russell, J. Wickenkamp,

Topics:

Secretary's Report

Approval of minutes from April 10 and April 28, 2008. Motion to approve the minutes by Trueblood, second by Muth, approved.

Treasurer's Report

Muth reported that the audit will begin on May 6, 2008. There was no other activity.

Skrukruud noted that tallies for the in-kind contributions were due.

Hey & Associates Contract

Wickenkamp reported on the SOD data from the 2006 study. Data from three of the sites were not acceptable because they exhibited some diurnal swing in the DO. UWM representatives agreed to repeat all five measurements at no additional cost during the next study. There was additional discussion about replicate measurements, how representative the SOD data would be, and how the information would be extrapolated for the model. UWM will work with ISWS to identify appropriate sampling locations.

Wickenkamp also reviewed the crew stations and number of people assigned to each site. There will be seven crews for water quality sampling; the Hey & Associates office in Geneva will probably cover the site near the Fabyan Forest Preserve in Geneva. A separate crew will address benthic algae sampling. Hey & Associates is asking for ten people to help with monitoring. Personnel from Hey & Associates and ISWS will be leading each monitoring crew. Training for crew members will include both office and field training. Training will probably take place in June, with office training during the first half of the month and field training in the second half.

Finally, Wickenkamp also reviewed the more detailed budget for the work. K. Anderson moved that FRSG should approve (contingent upon final review by FRSG) an amendment to the original contract by Hey & Associates showing a not-to-exceed total of \$330,000 (less payment to ISWS) for the work reviewed; second by Trueblood, approved. Wickenkamp expected to have the amendment ready within two weeks.

ISWS Updates

Bartosova suggested that FRSG start to prepare the scenarios for assessment. Trueblood reported that Strand Associates Inc. will develop water quality models for FRWD's planned expansion; that effort will incorporate the model work and water quality data that FRSG has sponsored to date. Trueblood will keep FRSG up to date on progress by Strand.

Finance Committee Report

Skrukud reported that she will prepare an FRSG fact sheet to go with the recruiting letter to municipalities. She also briefly reviewed the Dunham Fund, noting that they now also welcome letters of inquiry in June. Moreau will follow up to explore the likelihood of a reapplication.

Schedule of Next Meeting

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

Adjourned

The meeting adjourned about 11:35 PM. Minutes prepared by P. Anderson