

TIP 2022

Annual Meeting Agenda

9:00 AM Tuesday, February 15, 2022



Item	Description
1	Public Session 9:00 AM
2	Welcome & Introductions
3	TIP 2021 Activity Report and Presentation – Alix Bjorklund
4	Mary Bartkowiak, Wisconsin DNR: Garlic mustard invasions – is the cure worse than the disease?
5	Derek Thorn, FLOW AIS: First year with LMPN
	Business Session 11:00 AM
1	Call to Order
2	Review* & Approve Minutes from November 16, 2021
3	Steering Committee Elections
4	Seasonal Hiring Posting Approval
5	Financial Update
6	Partner Updates/Needs/Comments
7	Schedule next meeting
8	Adjournment

* Steering Committee members: please review attached previous minutes prior to the meeting.

Timberland Invasives Partnership Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

November 16th, 2021

1. Call to Order & Roll Call
 - a. Meeting called to order by Jeremy Johnson at 10:02 AM.
 - b. Jeremy Johnson, Tracy Beckman, Chris Arrowood, Scott Frank, Cody Brauner, Heather Pyatskowitz, Chad Trudell, Steve Janke, Alix Bjorklund, and Derek Thorn in attendance.
2. Review & Approve Previous Meeting Minutes
 - a. Cody Brauner requests update to round table: “mycorrhizae not rhizomes”.
 - b. Cody Brauner motions to approve with updates, Heather Pyatskowitz seconds. No objection, motion passes.
3. Current Work Plan Items
 - a. Alix Bjorklund updates that she is working to finalize reporting for the DNR Shawano County Japanese knotweed grant with Anna Bartsch.
 - b. Alix Bjorklund updates she is running a workshop for landowners under the WMA FY2020 grant in Antigo on November 19th at 9 AM.
4. Update: Current Grants/Financial
 - a. Tracy Beckman updates that the organization now has \$76,269 in funding from new GLRI funding under GLRI CWMA FY21.
 - b. Alix Bjorklund updates that DNR funding was received for control of Japanese wisteria in Langlade County.
 - c. Steve Janke updates the committee that Template 7a application was approved, will need agreements signed.
 - d. Tracy Beckman explains that there is now a 137 AE TIP residual account, funds awarded but not spent (137S had remaining, \$380.98 is not allocated so it will be available for use)
5. LSR & GLRI Grants Updates
 - a. Tracy Beckman updates that a grant application through USFS for Landscape Scale Restoration was completed; the pre-application was submitted in September, the full application on November 5. There is a 1:1 match requirement, and most partners came through (\$148,000 worth of match). This is a Lumberjack-wide grant, all 9 counties involved. There will be work done by Alix & Rosie, funding would allow for 7 hours per week of implementation of plan to restore areas with native plants and highlight areas by making demo site, to be completed within a three-year cycle.
6. Annual Meeting Planning
 - a. Alix Bjorklund requested guidance on whether to hold the TIP annual meeting in person, Jeremy Johnson and Cody Brauner believe in person would be a better route. Tracy Beckman clarifies that Lumberjack can provide masks if we choose to have the event require masks.

- b. Scott Frank expresses that we should be prepared to pivot to a virtual option, as there are closures starting again in other parts of the country.
 - c. Tracy recommends considering boxed lunches as opposed to buffet style.
 - d. A tentative date is set for February 15, 2022.
 - e. Discussion is held on the potential for speakers, Tracy Beckman suggests an early detection rapid response talk, Derek Thorn suggests frogbit and how to apply for EDRR funding.
7. TIP Wishlist
- a. Alix Bjorklund explains an idea suggested by Chris Arrowood for a TIP wish list that county partners could utilize extra budget to select items to provide for the organization.
 - b. Tracy Beckman believes this is a great idea for the TIP Facebook page or newsletter.
8. Group Roundtable
- a. Jeremy Johnson updates that there is still ongoing work on honeysuckle and buckthorn. Town conservancies have been worked on by himself, Lacy Dixon, and Alix Bjorklund. Details work with Sharon on island, and that the county now owns a four-wheeler and boat allowing them to cover a lot more ground. He further updates about new EWM that Heather Pyatskowitz found out on LaMotte Lake; Lacy Dixon managed purple loosestrife beetles with Heather's techs from MITW ESD over the summer.
 - b. Scott Frank updates that Alix can cover JK updates and hopes that the situation will be improved at Strauss Road, smaller sites have shown a lot of promise. He explains a visit to a garlic mustard population at Angelica site with Alix will be worked on, more locations in Stockbridge Munsee that need management. Starry stonewort was found on Cloverleaf Lake; inspections done at boat landings on other lakes with Lydia Williams at WAMSCO. He further updates that nine waterbodies had zebra mussel platforms, 2 look like there will be have zebra mussels found, Korth Lake (east of Shawano/Cecil) and Round Lake (uppermost of 3 lakes). Discussion ensues on potential demo sites for LSR grants.
 - c. Chad Trudell updates that he pulled frog bit on Bayshore in early September following the first removal effort, the removed frog bit filled half a bed of a pickup truck.
 - d. Cody Brauner updates that the Langlade County Forestry Department has new department administrator who will support involvement with TIP, Al Murray. He covers that they had a good fall field season, buckthorn inventoried and treated in all upland site on fall timber sale (he explains that this is the first time it's happened since he has been in his position), had some interest from an ATV club in southern Wisconsin who wants to do a cleanup day next spring and hopes for involvement with forestry. He explains this is a good opportunity and that the mycorrhizal study has had selected project sites with plans for sample collection next spring, will have more details as time goes on.
 - e. Heather Pyatskowitz updates that MITW ESD has also been doing cut stump treatment on buckthorn and honeysuckle control in fall.

- f. Steve Janke updates that their crews have been done since the end of September, with one person who stays longer who is wrapping up this week. It has been a productive year with a two-person weed crew along with another crew (Pollinator crew) who do invasives work in wildlife openings to keep pollinators in. Planning for next year is ongoing, concern over garlic mustard in 2019 blowdown area. Steve updates that there has been substantial blowdown in hardwood stands, with salvage ongoing, spread is uncertain and planning for control and surveying as well as rapid response next field season. Steve is now in a NEPA position, and his previous job isn't filled but permanent crew leader has been helpful in taking over duties.
 - g. Derek Thorn updates that surveying has wrapped up, and surveys are planned for 2022. There has been planning for CBCW and outreach opportunities for early spring of 2022. He has been working on finding grants that will allow FLOW to expand (County-wide CBCW grant for Langlade and Forest counties, potentially Oconto as well). He updates that he is trying to "burn" LMPN funding, so open to ideas for use; his GIS idea was rejected by DNR.
 - h. Tracy Beckman adds that Paul Miller, FIA supervisor, is retiring, so they're hiring and are having poor response.
9. Schedule Next Meeting
- a. The next meeting will be the TIP annual meeting to be held February 15, 2022, depending on the coordinator's school schedule. An executive meeting will be planned as needed, most likely in December, to finalize planning for the annual meeting.
10. Adjournment
- a. Meeting adjourned at 11:17 AM.