

Timberland Invasives Partnership Steering Committee

Meeting Minutes

October 23rd, 2018

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
 - a. Meeting called to order by Molly McKay at 1:00 PM.
 - b. Molly McKay, Jeremy Johnson, Scott Frank, Chad Trudell, Heather Pyatskowitz, Brian Hanson, Steve Janke, Cody Brauner and Alix Bjorklund in attendance.
2. Review and Approve Previous Meeting Minutes
 - a. Motion to approve previous minutes put forth by Chad Trudell, seconded by Heather Pyatskowitz; motion carries.
3. Current Work Plan Items
 - a. Alix Bjorklund outlines plans to attend public invasives seminar with Chris Arrowood; reviews attendance at Antigo Unified School's Forestry Demo Day and presentation given to Kretz Lumber Foresters on Japanese knotweed in mill yard at Kretz Lumber.
 - b. Alix Bjorklund outlines plans to continue honeysuckle and buckthorn treatment in Menominee County with Dave Wiebelhaus.
 - c. Alix Bjorklund is currently working on a budget plan for a DNR Early Detection and Rapid Response grant for Japanese knotweed in conjunction with Brady Stockwell and Scott Frank for Shawano County.
 - d. Alix Bjorklund will be attending the Lumberjack quarterly meeting on November 1st to defend TIP's grant proposal.
4. City of Antigo
 - a. Alix Bjorklund informs that the Springbrook Trail contract is now signed and in place for next year; still waiting to hear from Sarah Repp as to funding source availability for the Single-Track Trail contract. Molly McKay mentions the potential for a public "Invasive Species Walk" on the Springbrook Trail due to the high volume of different invasive species on the short stretch of trail.
5. Financial Report
 - a. Alix Bjorklund updates on financial situation, primarily that the Lumberjack 2018 Grant is now expended. Additionally, MITW contract is nearly completely used up, and on track for completion. Finally, explaining that the remainder of WMA funds will be utilized to write the 21 reports that are deliverables on the grant in the coming months.
 - b. Cody Brauner suggests use of GLRI Focus Area 2 funds to follow up on Japanese knotweed in Summit Lake, as it was not well controlled when TIP initially tried to treat it.
 - c. An extension of the GLRI Focus Area 2 grant is suggested by Jeremy Johnson. Steve Janke and Alix Bjorklund will be working on getting a request to extend the grant.
6. Group Roundtable

- a. Molly McKay updates that after providing valuable assistance in Langlade County, Emma Gaither completed her position. She also highlights that there may be the potential for a Tri-County AIS Coordinator, and that the new Land Water Resource Management Plan is in its beginning stages.
 - b. Cody Brauner updates that there's been a late start due to snow this year, that there's been a reevaluation of garlic mustard strategy. There has also been a shift toward buckthorn control.
 - c. Steve Janke updates that he's had plenty of work completed this field season with his two-person crew.
 - d. Heather Pyatskowitz updates that her two techs have been working on buckthorn, honeysuckle, surveying, and getting a plan for the wild parsnip population behind the treatment plan written up.
 - e. Jeremy Johnson updates that the AIS coordinator for Shawano and Menominee County, Brady Stockwell, has been around a lot doing vegetation surveys. He also details that lots of control has been completed this season, with the help of April Arrowood, TIP, and the tribe on oriental bittersweet, spotted knapweed, garlic mustard, and wild parsnip.
 - f. Chad Trudell updates that with rain there's been issues with completing their wetland restoration project, which will need invasives control. Also mentioned is the growing prevalence of waterhemp, and the issues it could cause.
 - g. Scott Frank updates that work has been somewhat slow, but a project in June focusing on honeysuckle and buckthorn has had work done, with 14 acres treated. He mentions the work done on the Japanese knotweed grant that is being written up with Brady Stockwell and TIP.
7. Schedule Next Meeting
 - a. December 18th, 2018 at 1 PM will be the next meeting for the Steering Committee.
 8. Adjournment
 - a. Motion to adjourn put forth by Jeremy Johnson, Molly McKay seconds; motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 2:13 PM.