

Timberland Invasives Partnership Steering Committee

Meeting Minutes

December 18, 2018

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
 - a. Meeting called to order by Molly McKay at 1:00 PM.
 - b. Molly McKay, Tracy Beckman, Scott Frank, Chad Trudell, Heather Pyatskowit, Steve Janke, Dave Mausel, 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 Pyatskowit; motion carries.
3. Current Work Plan Items
 - a. Alix Bjorklund outlines current work plan items; namely working with Menominee County and completing WMA reports, as well as current work on Japanese knotweed grant with Brady Stockwell.
4. Financial Report
 - a. Tracy Beckman updates that Upham's payment has been received, and as of right now Upham, Rolling, and MITW are all complete.
 - b. Tracy Beckman updates that in addition to the GLRI Focus Area 2 extension through September of 2020, there has been an extension/modification of GLRI Pathways into the end of June 2019.
 - c. Chad Trudell makes a motion to approve the financial report, Heather Pyatskowit seconds, motion carries.
5. Lincoln County Partner Interest
 - a. Alix Bjorklund informs committee that Mitchell McCarthy is discussing with corps council in Lincoln County the potential for becoming a partner. Steering committee voices concerns about potential benefits of adding another county to the partnership and would like more information as it comes.
6. Hiring of Field Techs for 2019
 - a. Alix Bjorklund discusses the need for hiring techs, advertisements for hiring will be put out by end of January.
7. Annual Partner Dues Discussion
 - a. Alix Bjorklund brings to the table call for input on the potential for future dues, discussed and established that if sponsorship is requested then donation may be asked for; although annual dues may be something possible in the future, the committee is not interested in pursuing something like this at this time.
8. Group Roundtable
 - a. Molly McKay updates that as of December 10, the grant for a Tri-County AIS coordinator has been applied for; details Kretz Lumber invasive species day, and Langlade County working on a new Land and Water Resource Management Plan starting in 2019.

- b. Alix Bjorklund updates for Jeremy Johnson that not all honeysuckle control work was completed due to weather complications, and that she has been assisting Jeremy Johnson with county assistant work.
 - c. Heather Pyatskowit updates that her techs have been able to do some honeysuckle control despite the cold weather.
 - d. Dave Mausel updates that MTE has been completing some oak wilt logging, but with the high amount of work they've done less honeysuckle/buckthorn control has been completed than in previous years.
 - e. Chad Trudell updates on activities in Oconto county and mentions buckthorn control that will need to be completed in wetland scrape site next spring.
 - f. Steve Janke updates that he is in the process of hiring seasonal employees. Outlines that the next GLRI CWMA grant is open for proposals until February 22, and the Nation Forest Foundation matching program would be a good opportunity for TIP.
 - g. Scott Frank updates that he is still working on the Japanese knotweed Early Detection and Rapid Response grant with Alix Bjorklund and Brady Stockwell. He also has confirmation that the Shawano County Highway Department will be working to control several species of invasives within the right of ways on county highways and roads. He is also in the process of following up on already completed buckthorn and honeysuckle treatments.
9. Schedule Next Meeting
- a. The next meeting will be the Timberland Invasives Partnership Annual Meeting, to be held Tuesday, February 12th2019, time TBD.
10. Adjournment
- a. Motion to adjourn put forth by Heather Pyatskowit, Chad Trudell seconds; motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 2:01 PM.