

OUTCOMES DOCUMENT

Lower Chippewa Invasives Partnership Monthly Meeting

Community Services Building, Room 56, 3001 US HWY 12 East, Menomonie, WI 54751

Thursday, February 23, 2017, 2 - 4:30 PM

Present: Kathy Stahl, Chris Gaetzke, Ted Ludwig, Lisa Ludwig, Tim Jackson, Richard Damro, Jim Anderson, Melanie Yager, Chase Cummings, Keith Gilland, Calvin Kunkle (DNR Parks Dept).

LCIP Identity Statement: LCIP is an organization that reaches goals toward invasive species awareness and control by using Civic Governance as a new approach to educate and organize the civic infrastructure needed to produce a basis to govern for the common good and sustain democracy as a just system.

Meeting Purpose: To give individual updates on the 2017 work plan for operations that will allow the organization to expand and improve outreach, education and control of invasive species within the five-county jurisdiction.

I. **Approval of Outcomes Documents** – January 26th 2017. Motion by Ted, second by Chase to approve Outcomes Document. Passed. During discussion, the Red Cedar Trail work day was brought up. Ted will contact Paul Verdon to see if Menomonie MS will be participating this year.

II. **Negotiate agenda and individual check-in (5 mins each)**– identify progress in organizing key stakeholders in your jurisdictions and agreed individual action items.

Calvin briefed us on the upcoming changes in the DNR reorganization and how it would affect our interaction starting in 2018. Most of the things that we do on DNR facilities would be handled through the Wildlife section (Jess Carstens). Calvin, as the parks manager, will be handling all the parks, trails, natural areas, etc. routine maintenance After the brief, Calvin had to leave the meeting.

Chris worked with Lee Shambeau on acquiring a projector for LCIP. Lee purchased the projector and worked a deal with DuPont so they would reimburse him. Chris will store it in his office so it will be available whenever needed. Lee sent a finalized copy of costs for right-of-way work which will be used in the towns meeting presentation. Randy Eide responded to the question about car wash water stating it all goes through the waste water treatment plant. Chris and Chase presented at the Chippewa Rod & Gun Club on February 9th with about 5 groups attending and signing up on our email list. Mike Dahlby, Chippewa Cty forester was very interested in doing a project and will be a good contact in that county. A page article on garlic mustard, buckthorn, and wild parsnip will appear in the Dunn County, *The Resource* publication in late April.

Dick is working on his case study and expects to finish it by next month. Dick will be attending the Dunn County Master Gardener event on the 4th of March.

Jim talked with Jim Hathaway of Dunn Electric COOP and they will print articles in their

newsletter. Kathy will contact him to get detailed info of what we can provide.

Kathy said that the turnout for the EC Master Gardeners event was great and wild parsnip and jumping worms were discussed. Several attendees reported they had problems with jumping worms and the thought was they came in purchased plants.

Chase has requested to be on the agenda of the next Pepin towns meeting to talk about invasive management in Road Right of Ways.

Jim mentioned that there is a new patrol superintendent for Dunn County Highway Department. Jim and Chris will talk with him.

Ted will be presenting at Prairie Farm, Hay River Transition Initiative Event on the 4th of March with emphasis on buckthorn and wild chervil.

Tim is doing a research project on using native grasses instead of non-natives for lawns and how they handle storm water runoff.

Keith is teaching several classes and will offer extra credit for student willing to do work days or work on an ACT project.

III. Address Governing Issues.

Update 2017 LCIP Goals.

Chris reviewed the 2017 and long term goals with the updates from last meeting. These will help organize and spread the workload. Members agreed to use the document weekly to keep on track to meet all the short term goals that were agreed upon.

Civic Governance update, leveraging resources and civic imagination (Chris)

Civic Governance meeting was held in Baldwin two weeks ago, several members are retiring and plans are being made to expand. A workshop and training courses are planned to help it move forward. The Civic Organizing Inc. organization is asking for contributions to assist in this effort. Chris is proposing a \$250 contribution to this effort. UW Extension, Dunn/St. Croix Counties, and the lake association are contributing. This will be followed up in financials. Case studies of civic governance are available on ActiveCitizen.org to show how the method works. Using this and working with other organizations can leverage our resources.

Report financials and Civic Governance Training \$250 (Kathy and Chris)

See attachment 1. Chris received another item not in the report from Jan Harvey for about \$1,200. Kathy has started working on the proposed budget, but needed clarification on what was needed. Discussion was held and she will get it set up. As part of the needs the use of a business card was brought up. A generic card was proposed and Chase volunteered to create the card. Kathy will meet with Stifel regarding the investment in the next week. Chris proposed the donation of \$250 for Civic Governance training, Jim motioned, Lisa seconded and the motion passed.

ISM Track Discussion

Kathy talked to Mark Renz and we can still use it at no cost until it goes online. The cost will then be based on the number of sites. You can set up only one site with all locations under the one site but it limits the usage of the data. Chase has looked at the tutorials and it is not clear the best method of setup. Kathy and Chase will work up questions to ask Mark to clarify our usage and get back to us.

Amur Cork tree action plan, WDNR grant update (Kathy and Mame)

One new project was added. Mame is out of state so no new information.

Wild Chervil update (Lee, Kathy and Chris)

Chris, Lee, Chase, and Jim met on the 6th to discuss program. Kathy reports that \$4,700.23 have been received in chervil grants with Dunn County receiving \$1,907.23 and Chippewa County receiving \$2,793.00. Since chervil has moved from the prohibited to the restricted list it is not likely we will get more DNR funding. The towns and counties will have to provide the funding and with parsnip becoming a serious issue combining spraying for both will be effective. Lee has set up the program for renting his new sprayer which is a great advantage since it is isolated from farm usage equipment chemicals.

2017 Annual Meeting (March 23rd 2 - 4 PM) planning update (Kathy, Jim & Mame)

Chris will be publishing a flyer advertising the meeting. It will be in Room 60, Community Services Building. A speaker was discussed and Kathy will call Bernie Williams (WDNR) to talk about jumping worms. A short business meeting will be held. Kathy, Jim, Mame, and Chris will meet on March 6th to set things up. We talked about handing out boot brushes(picks) with our logo. Ted will check on costs for these. We talked about times for the meeting and decided to limit it to two hours. The content will be an educational speaker, partner engagement, slide show of projects, discuss new LCIP Landowner Chemical Program and then have sign-up sheets for different needs of LCIP.

IV. Identify Next Steps

Next meeting is on Thursday, March 23rd from 2-4 PM, Community Services Building Room 60, 3001 US HWY 12 East, Menomonie, WI 54751

Holding one on one conversations within your jurisdictions about the group with the use of the LCIP governing document to increase the civic capacity of LCIP

IV. Evaluate the Meeting

February 23rd meeting score average was 4.90. Everyone felt that there was great participation.

Attachment 1

**LCIP Treasurer's Report
February 23, 2017**

Today's Checking account: \$75.42

Savings account: \$18502.95

Expenses since last LCIP meeting:

Payment for sprayers still outstanding

Income: RCU Interest = \$10.23

Save The Hills Grant: \$1500

\$148 Health Newsletter & Chervil Handout

\$689.60 Amur Cork Tree letter expenses

\$837.60 used of grant, leaving **\$662.40 of STHA grant funds**

DNR Rapid Response Award 2017-2018: \$11,140.00

Thomas, Christoffersen, Mondlock 70% share \$2329.49

Remaining funds: \$8810.51

ACT Herbicide 2016 grant: 12 gallons

2 ½ gallons remaining

Landowner Chemical Program: \$2000

3 Sprayers @ \$38= \$1886