

OUTCOMES DOCUMENT

Lower Chippewa Invasives Partnership Monthly Meeting

Dunn County Community Services Building, 3001 US Highway 12E, Room 55, Menomonie, WI 54751

Thursday, August 24, 2017, 2 – 4:30 p.m.

Present: Jim Anderson, Chase Cummings, Dick Damro, Chris Gaetzke, Mame Gale, Lisa and Ted Ludwig, Marty Van, Melanie Yager and Judy Zimmerman

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: is 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 Document** from July 27, 2017: Lisa moved to approve, Mame seconded; passed.
- II. **Negotiate Agenda (no changes) and Check-ins**
 - a. **Marty and Jim:** the new golf course greens keeper is working at Tanglewood Greens, and Marty visit with him. **Jim and Marty will contact Joe Brown, the club/course overseer/manager about a meeting to discuss a project at the property.**
 - b. **Dick** reported progress on limiting crown vetch on his property with Escort XP herbicide mixture. **He communicated with mowers in Grant township, and is acquainted with the Bergeson family (and former student) with interest, knowledge and research experience with plant management.** Dick boated with the Lower Chippewa River Event from Durand to Ella; the group pulled 3 garbage bags of purple loosestrife in three boats.
 - c. **Chase** reported that Pepin county highway department will soon have a new highway commissioner in place; there has not been as much roadside spraying in the interim period. **He will work with the new commissioner when they are on board.**
 - d. **Judy** is willing to teach and will share on how to cut and treat Amur cork trees and other invasives species to neighbors or students. She may write an article about how amur cork drives out native species, including white oak from her experiences living in Menomonie for many years. **Judy and Mame are planning to go door to door to talk to neighbors about amur cork; they are hoping to contact the apartment owner at 520 Woodridge Court.**
 - e. **Mame** asked to use copies of the letter originally sent to landowners with amur cork tree for notifying the landowners she and Judy want to visit. Mame reported crop of possible yellow foxglove on her property; she wants to ascertain whether it is Grecian foxglove. (The Grecian is white and brown and is highly toxic; the plant has been found in three WI counties). Mame is using her Lynxx battery-powered chain saw with the extension pole. Mame's deck, made of amur cork, is finished and looks great!

- f. **Melanie** attended the LAKES REU project display for the public at the Raw Deal on Aug. 2; the students' posters were well done and students were eager to share their projects. Melanie attended the Prairie Enthusiasts workshop, with excellent presentations on resources, insects, and prescribed burns, and a speaker on Aldo Leopold. Reported on the old Smithsonian magazine article about Japanese knotweed in the British Isles- property there cannot be sold if the weed has been in evidence in 5 years! Is it possible to require removal of amur cork here before the sale of property? Discussion ensued on property values, enforcement, potential state or county legislation which is not in place in the United States. **She is looking to find a place to plug and be more active with LCIP.** They attendees suggested starting a neighborhood invasive event, fundraising through LCIP apparel that she has started working with, work within her circle of constituents to spread the word on invasive species management importance or a native replacement project for places where LCIP or others remove invasive plants and want to restock the area after 2 years with native species.
- g. **Lisa** reported on Japanese knotweed, and on buckthorn in creek areas she is monitoring with Ted. **She would like to see a community project in removing buckthorn thickets in stream corridors all around Menomonie.** Tansy was found on Vance Creek in Barron County and in the City of Menomonie in Dunn County recently.
- h. **Ted** reported his neighbors' are treating their black locust and buckthorn. Keith Gilland has done some monitoring with Ted. **It was suggested that perhaps Keith could help continue a UW-Stout project formerly led by Krista James and her students; they helped clean up Galloway Creek.** On Sept. 7, Chris and Ted will speak to Krista's class of Environmental Science students at UW Stout to get more interest.
- i. **Chris** presented to the Lake Wissota Garden Club regarding identification, projects, and methods; the group has worked in Irvine Park and was very interested in the topic because invasives effect their work in gardening. Chris attended the purple loosestrife-pulling event on the Lower Chippewa River with Dick. The Beaver Creek staffing, resources and projects were discussed for the next event. Chris has received an inquiry about the Landowner Chemical Program from a Fishery biologist who has black locust on family property **and will send them an application.** Chris indicated that 3M in Menomonie has a long-term plan for black locust control also that they are working of that stems off a UW Stout Capstone project LCIP worked with them on in 2015.

III. Addressing Governing Issues

- a. Civic Governance review
Chris will engage in expanding training for Civic Governance in the next three weeks and share back with LCIP how it is progressing. The long term goal is use LCIP as a case study to expand the use of CG within the Red Cedar River area.
- b. August 15 Invasives Tour was attended by 49 people from six counties, with lots of agency folks from all levels and Mark Renz from UW EXT. They discussed control options and got updated information from Lee Shambeau. **Jim suggested a boot brush be added to the next tour for educational awareness.**
- c. Fall Projects

- i. The Andersen Windows event is scheduled for 9/21 from 12-3 PM at Lakeside Park
 - ii. Sept. 30 is an event in Irvine Park in Chippewa Falls; plans are to create/extend a walking trail and add a fishing pier; Leinenkugels is scheduled for 8 AM to 1 PM., with lunch afterwards. Contact Chris for more details.
 - iii. There will be a Sierra Club presentation on October 4 by Chris in the evening in Eau Claire talking about the basics of invasives and calling them to act.
 - iv. Will there be an event at Maiden Rock State Natural Area on Friday, October 27th from 9 AM to 1 PM with lunch to follow led by WDNR. RSVP soon as possible if you can attend.
 - v. Will there be an event with Menomonie High School that Ted Ludwig is organizing with Nate McMahon and Jean D'Angelo on their school grounds near the Red Cedar River and Galloway Creek in October sometime.
- d. Financials were reported by Chase (in Kathy's absence) See Attachment A for details below.
 - e. WDNR Amur Cork Tree and Wild Chervil Grant Reports
Kathy and Chris are working on grant reports related to Amur cork tree and wild chervil that are due by August 31st.
- IV. **Next meeting: Thursday, September 28, 2017 at 2 – 4:30 p.m.; meet at the home of Mame Gale, N4799 510th St., Menomonie; 715-235-8168 near Tanglewood Greens Golf Course**
- V. Evaluate the meeting: mean was 4.96 Average. Still working on staying on task to end at 4:30 PM.

Attachment A: LCIP Treasurer's Report 8/24/17

8-24-2017 RCU Checking account: \$2,708.29

Expense: 7/27/2017 Transfer to Civic Governance Savings Acct \$250.00
7/28/2017 4 Control \$2,613.02 for:
Wild Chervil Spraying Howard, Grant, Dunn Co \$2,500.00
Klink Landowner Chemical Program \$46.42
Boyd Preserve Landowner Chemical Program \$66.60

Income: 7/27/2017 WI DNR \$500.00 wild chervil control grant
7/28/2017 WI DNR \$4,999.99 Amur Cork Tree control grant
8/3/2017 Stahl donation for Boyd Preserve herbicide \$66.60

7-31-2017 RCU Primary Savings account: \$3,315.50

Income: 7/28/2017 WI DNR \$3,270.05 Amur Cork Tree removal grant

7/31/2017 RCU Interest \$0.28

7-31-2017 RCU Secondary Savings account: \$1,750.28 Civic Governance Account

Income: 7/19/2017 UW Ext (John Haack) \$750.00

7/27/2017 LCIP \$250.00

7/28/2017 UW Ext (Dan Zerr) \$750.00

7/31/2017 RCU Interest \$0.28

Stifel Account: \$11,846.33

Income: Interest=\$0.50

Save The Hills Grant: \$1,500.00

\$148.00 Health Newsletter & Chervil Handout

\$689.60 Amur Cork Tree letter expenses

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

Amur Cork Tree WDNR Rapid Response 2017 WDNR RR funds and 2016-2018 RR Award (\$8,270.04 2017 +\$11,140.00 2016-2018= \$19,410.04)

Total Spent: \$8,521.20

Total Reimbursement requested from WDNR: \$8,270.04, Received \$8,270.04

Remaining funds: \$10,888.84

Thomas, Christoffersen, Mondlock 70% share \$2,329.49

Eide 70% share \$332.33

Jan Harvey 70% share \$875.00

Jim Selz 70% share \$486.50

Parejko 70% share \$2,250.00

Mary Dominick 70% share \$1,610

Sharon Walleen 70% share \$553.88

Zimmerman 90% \$2,250.00

Logan and Bryant UW Stout Students \$84 or \$42/each to pay yet

ACT Herbicide WDNR 2016 grant: 12 gallons = 2 gallons remaining

LCIP Landowner Chemical Program (\$2,000.00): Remaining funds: \$1,839.58

3 Sprayers @ \$38 each =\$114.00

Brian Klink Vanquish \$46.42

WDNR Wild Chervil Grant 2017: \$2,500.00

Received \$500.00 of the grant (\$2,000.00 pending from WDNR)

Spent \$2,500.00 to 4 Control (see above)