

OUTCOMES

Lower Chippewa Invasives Partnership Board Meeting

LCIP Office, 700 Wolske Bay Rd, Suite #275, Menomonie, WI 54751

Thursday, September 26th, 2019, 2 - 4:30 pm

LCIP Identity Statement: LCIP is a civic non-profit that reaches goals toward invasive species awareness and control efforts by using Civic Governance (CG) to educate and organize the civic infrastructure needed to govern for the common good.

Meeting Purpose: To meet the LCIP work plan goals through individual check-ins, review the financials and to update and engage everyone to the latest information on invasive species management, locations and events.

Present: Chris G., Mame G., Dave W., Dick D., Melanie Y., Jim A., Kathy S., Brad L., Doug O-P.

I. Approval of Outcomes Document from August 22, 2019 Board Meeting

Mame mentioned changes to include: to get LCIP updates to the township level through individual meetings, towns association meetings and township letters at least once to twice a year.

II. Negotiate agenda and individual check-ins **strictly tied** to LCIP Work Plan Goals (**5 mins each**)– identify progress in organizing key stakeholders in your jurisdictions and agreed individual action items from the 2019 work plan goals.

Chris reported check-ins from absent members:

Chase: seeking more interest from other Pepin Cty LCD staff. Too busy to get to LCIP agenda right now because of many pressing tasks with his position but is thinking on how to communicate more regularly. Discussion then began on the importance of getting an online LCIP newsletter to agency personnel who cannot attend, e.g. NRCS, DNR, LWCDs, etc. containing what LCIP is up to and how they can be involved.

Plan a face-to-face meeting with all those key agency and organization leaders in winter. Key to mention of how each agency is involved.

AJ: little direct education lately since he has been focused on his budget update, DNR contract, details on intern results, and waterfowl hunters' AIS outreach campaign. Looking at a 2019 review – what can be added to 2020 workplan, moving to a new office on site, had a lot of positive feedback from Chippewa Cty workshop that he presented at. Thought it was a great opportunity to bring together all the major partners in Chippewa Cty working on invasive species management, outreach and control. Will be working on his own active citizen individual work plan and get back to Chris in middle October.

Kathy: a recent science report have shown a declining number of birds has alarmed her. She asked how much of the decrease can be attributed to invasive species reducing the quality of habitat. Herbicides, loss of habitat, neonicotinoids could all be factors in the decline. Kathy asked Chris to research that topic and ask local professors for answers. Chris will investigate that issue and get back to the members. Asked where do we go with new information on invasive species to get the word out effectively? CISMA statewide conference call update: WIFDN through an excellent trainer, Anne Pierce will aid with training to ID and monitor emerging invasive species. NR40 species lists are just being finalized. The final lists will be reviewed next summer by the general public. Get comments to Kelly Kearns now. Winter 2020 the revisions will go to final review and on the official list by put into law in 2022 or 2023. Miscanthus was on the list as of now. [SEWISC](#) CISMA hosts where ecology meets economy – annual science symposium involving 7th graders, 20 speakers, table to table interactions, with grants to get students bused to site. This could tie into the existing Dunn Cty Environmental Field Days held every May.

Climate change and invasive species conference on Nov. 13th, in Milwaukee hosted by SEWISC. Get list of speakers, use them for LCIP upcoming events: Amy Staffen (DNR), Jason Granberg (DNR). Perhaps for LCIP annual meeting... **Chris will look into them as keynote speakers for the annual meeting.**

Judy: listened in on the CISMA conference call and Menomonie urban forestry board meeting. Sounds like in early October change is to be made to the City of Menomonie ordinance on amur cork tree (ACT) to be approved by city council to be not allowed in the city of Menomonie. ACT must be removed, if not, enforcement will include expense of covering removal by an independent contractor. **Jim A. was willing to call to poll where each council member of the City council stands.**

Mame: materials she picked up at MN State Fair were passed around and stored at the LCIP office. She had an idea of getting plat books for our counties stored in the office for all LCIP members to use. The group came up with the conclusion that probably only a few individuals would like to have them. Reported that there was a Gypsy moth trap on her land this year. None were caught! Mentioned a catalog she gets from Maine called [Fedco](#), which includes good info on cider making, but also may include invasives in their offerings (e.g. Callery pear). **She will look into the species of pears offered and get back to the group at the next LCIP meeting.**

Dave: likes tri-fold brochure on invasives that Mame collected from Mn State Fair. Suggested to involve more people at the lowest levels vs. just management level. Encouraged the importance of outreach to all people. Practiced with drone. Flew several properties near Mame's property with little luck spotting ACT since it was too early in the year. Cloudy day seems to be a better opportunity along with low wind conditions for best videos.

Dick: Cty Rd "M" West of 53 W of New Auburn he found a stand of purple loosestrife. AJ will check the area again. Waiting for the right conditions to spray reed canary grass on his farm. Buckthorn not as much of a problem in wet soil on his property. Problem with ID of buckthorn vs. black locust in thick stands. Good representation of agency staff and concerned organizations at the Chippewa Cty workshop he attended with Doug and Chris.

Melanie: less crabgrass and ragweed on her property this season. Seems very late. Excited to listen to progress of the organization.

Brad: seeking new contractor to help with buckthorn removal on 3M property. Chris asked if LCIP could write an article on progress toward controlling invasives on 3M property? **Brad will talk to new staff / site manager to see if it would be ok to publicize their valiant efforts.** They are foliar spraying as much as possible in one day with their new contract. Meeting with Prof. Arthur Kneeland at UW Stout to get students working on plant and insect surveys of the property. UW Stout Dean of the CSTEMM department, Chuck Bomar also possible contact on moving this forward. **Chris will could contact Arthur Kneeland regarding insect decline as a result of invasive plants displacing them.** Might be willing to write an article on what 3M is doing with the help of LCIP.

Jim: friend of former plant manager at 3M is grateful for all the ways they manage the full campus. Will be driving a bus of Stout biology students to the Dunnville Bottoms to examine prairie/creatures there. [Red Cedar Demo Farm](#) update: mentioned that UW Extension is responsible for the major educational component to the people. Water hemp of the pigweed family is a relatively new noxious ag weed. This plant may be a threat to disturbed natural areas. It can produce 1 million seeds and be viable for 20 years. The male pollen can disperse up to a mile. It is a problem in soybean and corn fields. It is also resistant to Glyphosate and a whole set of herbicides families. This could be an example for early detection to minimize economic impact. Seed transported between fields by contract combine/harvesting equipment. Related to Palmer amaranth. **Chris will contact Mark Renz to see if he thinks we should be concerned with either plants as ecologically invasive species.**

Doug: recent activities include helping at Chippewa Cty Workshop, attending and learning the CG model at the Civic Governance Civic Policy Workshop, and next week with students at Chippewa Valley Tech. College for weed ID on their campus. Gave a brief report on [Gustavus Nobel conference](#) on "Climate Changed" in MN.

Chris: applying for funding from DNR for [NAISMA](#) "PlayCleanGo" signs with a boot brush or the DNR version of the signs. The signs are \$300 each installed and are to be placed at public land trailheads. NAISMA is a great non-profit for LCIP to be networking with. Cisma Conference call discussed detail on a much-needed wild parsnip management/control legislation moving from a new Rep. Katrina Shankland from central WI. **Chris will dig into this and get back to the group.** DNR Pittman/Robertson funds are becoming available soon so he will keep up with this. Discussed the positive feedback from the Chippewa Cty workshop that 24 people attended. He will work to get survey responses and report back. Looking into a large-scale collaboration on water quality/climate change with Landmark Conservancy that would involve a large grant involving the RFP (Red Cedar Partnership, NRCS, Beaver Creek, etc.) that would involve landowner educational visits to evaluate for land issues. Friends of Putnam Park will borrow LCIP equipment and have a couple dozen volunteers lined up to start removing invasives in Putnam Park in late Oct or early Nov. Leinie's took out trees along the creek and planted for pollinators that Chris gave suggestions on. **Chris going to meet with them next week to look at stream side restoration.** Jumping worms have been a steady topic stemming from an article Kathy wrote that the DNR publicized regarding options for control. Many landowners have been calling Chris for control suggestions and asking where to purchase Early Bird and Biochar. Went to the final presentation of the 2019 NR Intern, Cassandra that highlighted her work and personal impact LCIP had on her. Suggested to continue to help fund the valuable internship. Researching grant opportunities and resources through the EC Public Library Foundation Center database and the [EC Community Foundation](#).

III. Address Governing Issues

- Review 2019 LCIP Budget (Chris)

Everything is on track to be staying under budget and possibly below \$100k vs \$104k budget. No questions were asked.

- Invasive species LCIP Share events planning (Kathy, Doug, Chris)

Chris, Kathy & Doug had a committee meeting to plan for more outreach with all five counties through strategic meetings around the 5 county jurisdiction. Passed out a handout Doug made to show the breakdown of a year of options for meeting locations, topics and itineraries. Had a discussion of further networking with people to invite from each location: Margaret Murphy, Randy Eide, Gary Siepel, Xtreme Tree Shark, Lee Shambeau, Dan Cain, people who will get out in the field to observe and control invasives. The group supported further refining the plan for 2020. **Chris, Doug and Kathy will continue to communicate and report at the next meeting any updates.**

- Upcoming events setup - Menomonie High School and UW Stout control projects (All)

Discussion on upcoming control projects that have been ongoing for many years. **Chris will reach out to the interested parties to confirm locations, dates, equipment needed and volunteers to manage students.** LCIP has an interested Stout student that wants to help out with those events this year. **Chris will meet with that student to see what they are willing to help with.**

- Report financials and take any requests (Kathy)

Kathy gave the August report and interim September reports with no questions or changes. **Kathy will submit a draft report of the final September budget report in early October.**

- Civic Governance update (Chris and Doug)

Doug stated that the workshop in Baldwin was very productive and supportive to the work of the Interstate Civic Governance Organizing Agency that is leading the organizing that backs LCIP's efforts to pilot using the CG model. The whole approach is poised at organizing resources, training organizers and making a case for sustainable and accountable governance through democracy. Chris mentioned he will be working with Doug and AJ in the coming months to develop Active Citizen Work Plans that both can follow and help them direct their efforts in a systematic way.

IV. Identify Next Steps

- Next meeting is on **Thursday, October 24th** from 2 - 4:30 PM, LCIP Office, 700 Wolske Bay Rd Suite #275, Menomonie, WI (Monthly Board Meeting)

V. Evaluate the Meeting and *Work Plan Objectives*

- Meeting score average was **not take due to time constraints**

Go over LCIP meeting evaluation:

Did we achieve the meeting purpose?

What worked? What were the gaps? Steps to close the gaps?

LCIP progress evaluation up against the 2019 LCIP Work Plan - January-December (1-4) with 3.0 goal for the June mid-point evaluation and 4.0 the goal for end-point evaluation in December. Jan 2.0, Feb 2.24, April None, May 2.75, June 2.92, July 3.15, August No Score, Sept No Score

Discuss action items for next meeting.