

## OUTCOMES

### **Lower Chippewa Invasives Partnership Annual Meeting**

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Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 2 - 4pm

**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:** Review needs, elect Board members, review year, discuss needs and progress of the 2020 LCIP work plan, review the financials, and build up the LCIP region's capacity for invasive species education, outreach and control through partnerships.

- I. Approval of Outcomes Document from April 23, 2020 Board Meeting  
Outcomes were approved as written with no comments.
- II. Negotiate agenda and individual check-ins only tied to LCIP Work Plan Goals not listed on the agenda (**5 mins each**)– identify progress in organizing key stakeholders in your jurisdictions and agreed individual action items.

Doug: Made progress with the Invasives Monitoring Program (IMP) committee. The next LCIP meeting on June 25th will focus an update on our work plan.

Dave: No report today.

Jim: No report today.

Chase: Had contact with some landowners and put them in contact with 4-Control, Inc. He is mostly focusing on wild parsnip control. Stated that there is a new highway commissioner which might allow for some changes in control efforts and said their practice is basic, which means just to inform him on the county's practices already in place. Reported that their county offices are not opening to the public until July 1<sup>st</sup> or later.

AJ: Working to be as productive as possible for summer control and outreach efforts. He is prepping the interns for the Clean Boats Clean Waters program. Moving from a pilot version into a permanent DNR program funding for AIS efforts.

Lauren: No report today.

Kathy: No report today.

Judy: Her dozens of ninebark shrubs are doing well. She found larger plants at Fleet Farm and obtained 20 of them. She helped one day on the Amur cork tree removal at the Wiex apartment across from her and said how Chris had made inroads with a neighboring apartment owner who will now have Chris do a site visit on his properties. The bigger Amur cork trees along the wall on Fifth Street were girdled which stops berry production and she encouraged getting the

city to remove these now, dead trees safely before they fall into the street over the next few years.

Brad: He walked around with the new intern on their site to do a plant survey (Shelby - UW Stout student) and plans to do at least one invasive removal project this year, possibly on spotted knapweed. Kathy wanted to see some publicity on what 3M is doing, but Brad expressed reservations about PR. Doug asked if Brad would like to do an article. Brad said he would have to see. Judy suggested that doing an article on the IMP that is being funded by 3M would be best.

Chris: Showed pictures of the work at the Wiex property. He has been out to nine different properties and most of these visits garnered a donation after the visit. Taxes are completed. He has been getting a lot of emails and FB questions on identifying plants. The FB site has gained 80-90 new followers. He had a request for a landowner chemical program to fight buckthorn. He will be attending the 3M interested persons group update. Awarded the 3M Eco Grant that will fully fund IMP!

### III. Address Governing Issues

- Review and implement 2020 Work Plan and mission in our current state

Discussed Mame's visit to City Planning Commission. Prepared for June evaluation.

- Annual meeting items (Elect Board members, discuss officers, review year, interact with participants)

Doug nominated AJ to the LCIP Board and there were no objections, so he is added now. Kathy talked about the new accountant/bookkeeper team handling the finances with the Treasurer's role now evolving into more of an oversight role. Kathy is happy with the system in place, which provides greater stability. She would like to back off her role and be replaced. Dave reminded that this is his last meeting as a board member, with AJ taking his board seat. Everyone congratulated Dave for his service on the Board.

Chris gave the 2019-2020 LCIP update that: hosted multiple workshops, tours, meetings with groups, partnership with CVTC, UW Stout, High Schools in area, first event in Buffalo County on controlling Burning Bush, spoke at Woodland Owners Assoc., tree and shrub sale, articles in various newspapers, Amur cork tree grants, drone activity, over a dozen site visits, highways and townships, water and aquatic invasives, partnering with UW Extension on IMP, an article on Wisconsin Natural Resources website got the most views ever now over 300 likes on the FB page. Awareness is growing about creeping bell flower being an emerging problem-plant.

No further questions were received.

- LCIP Share mtgs/events and invasive monitoring program planning update

Share meetings are on hold, using Zoom along with face-to-face meetings was discussed as a good option.

LCIP received \$25,000 from 3M to fund the IMP program with six people signed up so far. Discussion ensued on concerns expressed by some citizens on herbicide for control, with the pros and cons and how to educate people on “best practices,” especially with the extremely toxic plant, wild parsnip. This concern would be a great opportunity for a news article. There will be needs to address what type of property is adjacent to any area being treated, such as crops, fields, and woodlands. The IMP committee meeting is scheduled for next Wed. at 4pm at the office.

- Report financials, Tree sale review, grant updates, review 2020 LCIP Budget and take any financial requests

Kathy went over the financials, which are looking much better after some grants have been obtained.

Kathy suggested not selling all the ordered plants next year because what is delivered can sometimes be short of the order and she would like to see a greater variety of plants included. Some of the orders had unexpected high shipping costs, with these plants being the most desired that were offered. Discussion took place about whether we should have the sale and instead, directing people to any reputable nurseries that carry natives, providing them with a listing of such nurseries with the selection available at each place. This project will take time to compile for next year.

The DNR grant is awaiting response with no other grant applications pending. Chris will review the next grant applications and report back to the board.

A budget update was covered.

#### IV. Identify Next Steps

- **Next meeting is on Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 PM on Zoom**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89880682142> Meeting ID: 898 8068 2142

#### V. Evaluate the Meeting and *Work Plan Objectives*

- Meeting score average was (1-5 scale) 4.75 April was 4.57
- Did we achieve the meeting purpose?
- What worked?
- What were the gaps?
- Steps to close the gaps?
- Discuss action items for next meeting

Dave 5, AJ 5, Kathy 4 if it's an annual mtg/ 5 for regular mtg, Lauren 5, Dick 5, Chase 4.5 – concerned we need to do more outreach to gain more participants, Judy – pass, Chris 4.8 because he didn't know how to do greater outreach for zoom.