

OUTCOMES

Lower Chippewa Invasives Partnership Meeting

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Thursday, October 22nd, 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: To 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.

Present/Online: Judy Z., Keith G., Kathy S., Dick D., Lee S., Lauren L., Chase C., AJ L., Jim A., and Chris G.

I. Approval of Outcomes Document from September 24th, 2020 Board Meeting

Outcomes were approved as written.

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.

Jim: Said he is here to learn and then let others at Dunn County know.

Kathy: Dunn County is updating the manure ordinance and the subdivision ordinance. Chippewa County is updating their forestry ordinance with discussion about mining and they are taking invasives into consideration. Colfax-Red Cedar Preserve and Recreation Area (Ferry Pit) is progressing which has many invasives, including buckthorn, honeysuckle, garlic mustard, spotted knapweed, and Siberian elm. They have a management committee of various parties with everyone on the committee having a variety of important skills, which shows the power of community. This would be a great site for a case study or an oral history on its evolution. No burning was done at Dobbs Landing this year, but UW Stout has been there multiple times with Dr. Keith Gilland to remove invasives and prepare fire breaks.

Chase: He is helping with restoring some property where ag land is being converted to prairie along Lost Creek, where it is full of wild parsnip. The landlord is excited and is working with Lee and Chris. Another project is at the Pepin County Housing Authority property in Durand, which has a knotweed problem. The site is located right next to the Fire Department. No potential board members found yet.

Keith: Bio 111 gen ed classes will be tackling honeysuckle and buckthorn below Cedarama Park by the lumberjack carving in a couple of weeks in Menomonie. He had students working out at Dobbs Landing and students want to work there again. They got a big boost of publicity from the UW Stout Natural Areas Club. This club started a while ago but got more active recently with the new leadership having a lot of enthusiasm with 8 - 10 students showing up for meetings. He will be teaching dendrology and would like to take his class to the Colfax-Red Cedar Preserve and Recreation Area. Keith is a role model for energizing students regarding habitat work that needs to be replicated with other professors at our three universities in the LCIP region.

Lauren: Not much of an update, but is interested in hearing all the reports to get plugged in.

Judy: She cut young Amur cork trees out of the woods by her place until the weather turned cold. The Menomonie Urban Forestry Board is still delaying introduction of the cork tree ordinance.

Lee: 4-Control and Nutrien Solutions is making flash drives for counties and townships that contain LCIP ID videos, PowerPoints, factsheets and a letter explaining the need for them to work with CISMAs and up their game on management. Some City of Menomonie workers showed up to get sprayers for use on buckthorn. Nov 2 – 6 is the Upper Midwest Invasive Species Conference and Lee is presenting.

AJ: Just came from the statewide AIS meeting. He is getting applications ready for NLPN. Working on developing videos to share. Attended the Active Citizen Civic Governance Workshop that he enjoyed and learned a lot about the network and how to further become an active citizen and potential civic leader so day.

Chris: The Interstate Civic Governance Organizing Agency (ICGOA) hosted an Active Citizen Workshop that AJ attended. There will be a case study prepared on how civic governance works on November 19th with the final document available in January 2021. He worked at another event at the ongoing Erickson Park Girl Scout project, where about 13 people showed up and they got quite a bit done, and there is not a lot left to do. One more event is planned for Oct. 29th. He got another person involved in the landowner chemical program that was using a weaker solution on a buckthorn and garlic mustard invasion located in Eau Claire. He did a walkover for the Lake Wissota Garden Club Irvine Park work committee to discuss next steps after Doug visited the site and gave suggestions. He had a good talk with Ted Stark at the Menomonie Library about the miscanthus grass by the lake and the Amur maple trees along the parking lot that produce a profuse number of seeds. Will report on any action at the next meeting. IPAW wanted to know what we are doing so he wrote an article for their upcoming newsletter. He did a presentation at CVTC with the sustainable land use class along with a tour of the campus expansion area. There were a lot of questions this time and they want to have Chris back some time. Nelson Thrive Park did a cleanup of Burning Bush in which five people showed up and they had a productive day. Herbicides are put away for the year at Lee's. He is looking for new board members. His is doing a talk on the IMP program and a lightning CISMA talk at the 2020 UMISC conference in November. He suggests using an oil-change strap and chain link fence to open the ½ gallon spray bottles when they are stuck tight. Menomonie high school still may have an invasive removal event on their campus in November.

III. Address Governing Issues

- Invasives Monitoring Program update

IMP had 172 total reports from the summer. The committee met on the 7th and talked about setting up a speaker in December and giving out prizes. The committee wants to expand the program involvement and reach. Mr. McMahon at the HS was participating in the IMP and is teaching his students about it and including the training as part of his class. Mr. McMahon's students will receive extra credit if they map invasives after going through the training. Chris will present the findings at the UMISC conference. Next committee meeting is on 11/12/20.

- DNR WMA grant progress report and next steps

Had discussion with the committee on how to promote and expand it. Will create video of all the steps. Will show landowners different ways of controlling invasives. Will do a "before, during, after" video. Will be looking at working with Keith at getting Stout students involved that are interested. Went with Lee to look at the other site and evaluate. Committee is Lauren L., Lee S., Mame G., Caleb L., and Chris G. Next committee meeting is on 11/20/20.

- Board member updates

Kathy said she had tried to contact Rachel in Eau Claire with no response. Distance is no longer an issue since meetings are on zoom. Chase said people he contacted did not feel competent enough or ready to serve on the board yet. Chris has ran into dead ends for now. All members agreed to look and ask people that might be interested in filling the open roles.

- Fall projects

Chris discussed the next projects listed on the LCIP Project List. It is refreshing to have projects go after cancelling so many this year.

- Report financials, review 2020 LCIP Budget, 2021 funding, and take any financial requests

Chris submitted the quarterly report to the IRS. Kathy showed the balance sheet. Mame donated books to the LCIP library for sharing. Chris and Kathy suggested each active member come to next meeting with a fundraising idea. Kathy suggested giving each county a specific dollar amount for LCIP services during presentations that Lee and Chris are working on. Chase suggests this could be incorporated into a county's land and water committee budget. Chase suggested NR40 rule could be used to get buy-in and donations since LCIP will help them achieve compliance. Lee suggested that corporations would like to know what specifically their donation is going towards so they might budget it properly. Chris will work with Lee to see what options are out there to receive donations. The funding from Mame is looking solid for next year. That will bring the budget to be 70% funded for 2021 already with about \$35K left to fundraise.

IV. Identify Next Steps

- Next meeting is on Thursday, November 19th from 2 - 4 PM on Zoom

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Lauren suggested that Chris make project list of what LCIP has done this year with the grant funding and who and how far impacts were witnessed. This document would serve as proof of where dollars given to LCIP would go for.

V. Evaluate the Meeting and Work Plan Objectives

Lauren -5.0, Jim- 5, Kathy- 4.9, Chase- 4.85, will work on finding board member and support, Judy -pass, work on cork trees, Lee- 4.9, AJ- 4.9 brainstorm fundraising, Dick - 5.0 , Chris - 4.9 happy with the size of the meeting, looking at year ahead.

- Meeting score average was (1-5 scale) 4.93 September 4.84 Average

Did we achieve the meeting purpose? Yes, and then some

What worked? Collaboration and discussion

What were the gaps? Frustration with not finding new board members yet and finalizing funding for 2021

Steps to close the gaps? Each member will find options for funding by the November meeting and will ask potential leaders about serving as board members.

Discuss action items for next meeting Talked about and clear for everyone