

Northeast Wisconsin Invasives Partnership (NEWIP) CISMA Meeting

March 14th, 2023 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Online via Zoom

Attendees: Jacob Fluor (NEWIP Coordinator), Kendra Kunding (Golden Sands RC&D Executive Director), Ann Casamassa (Waupaca County Parks Supervisor), Jake Divine (Glacierland RC&D), Amanda Smith (DNR AIS Coordinator), Bridget O'Brien (Landowner), Chris Acy (Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance), Holly Baseman (Baird Creek Executive Director), Shannon Davis-Foust (UW-Oshkosh Professor/Wild Ones Fox Valley Area)

Meeting start: 11:03AM

Introductions: Introductions were given from everyone present.

Meeting Minute Approval: Proxy votes will be used to approve meeting minutes and elect committee members due to less than half of committee members present.

NEWIP Project Updates: Jacob presented on updates he and NEWIP have been working on including potential funding from the DNR WMA grant funding. We have not received confirmation or funds to work with the Ice Age Trail Alliance project yet. Jacob updated on the contracted service with DNR on surveying for invasive species on properties adjacent to SNAs and work will be continuing in 2023. Jacob updated on County parks and Oneida Nation control work that was completed in 2022 with assistance from two LTEs. Jacob will be hosting a couple of volunteer work days and a workshop at the Green Bay Botanical Gardens in 2023 to finish up the project.

Amanda Smith asked about how the DNR contracted service has been going in regards to working with landowners adjacent to SNAs. Jacob stated he has received a good percentage of interest in the landowners he has reached out to.

Grant Planning and Project Discussion: Jacob and Kendra mentioned Golden Sands RC&D/NEWIP applied for funding this past year including a GLRI grant, NFWF SOGL grant, DNR WMA funding and the discussion for work with BLM on inventorying islands on the Wisconsin River.

Updates From Attendees: Jake Divine discussed a project regarding phragmites control. Glacierland has been working on with mapping and treating phragmites. Jake and Chris have been working together with Stantec in the Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance region. This is a long-term project with multiple partners, multiple funding sources, and visiting sites on an annual basis. Jake wants to ensure their project is not stepping on NEWIP's toes as some project work is within the NEWIP territory. Jacob and Kendra stated there is no conflict with NEWIP as we are not working on phragmites control projects at this time. Amanda Smith asked

what was driving the northward movement of phragmites control. Jake Divine mentioned the matter of receiving funding to continue work. Jake Divine reiterated that each available population mapped has been treated on an annual basis. The project has been funded on an annual basis and they plan to continue the project to achieve as close to eradication as possible. They plan on working up the lake shore to target higher priority areas. Chris Acy mentioned Stantec has approached NEWIP to work on this project, but it was agreed upon at the August 2022 meeting to have Glacierland continue the work instead of having a gap year.

How to Proceed: Jacob will send an email reminder but mentioned the second meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 10th via zoom. Project work will continue throughout the 2023 field season. The Green Bay Botanical Garden workshop event is scheduled for a Saturday in April. Jacob will send an email invite when the date is finalized. The workshop will be invasive species education and a small portion of control work if weather permits. Work on the DNR contract work with landowners adjacent to SNAs will continue.

Bridget mentioned organizing invasive species educational workshops, such as the Chain O' Lakes Association event coming up. The event will focus on native plants to protect shorelines with invasive species educational opportunities. This event will be posted on the NEWIP website and Facebook page.

Jacob mentioned the Oneida Nation has an upcoming garlic mustard pull, which is a 3-day event. Jacob thought the event was coming up in late April to May.

Amanda Smith asked if NEWIP has stated priorities. Jacob answered that we currently do not but it is something we can look at adding in the future as the CISMA matures.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:48AM