

Wisconsin Invasive Species Council
Executive Committee Conference Call
Wednesday, January 15, 2014

Meeting Minutes

Present: Jack Sullivan, Dreux Watermolen, Jennifer Feyerherm
On Phone: Paul Schumacher, Brian Kuhn

1. September 30, 2013 notes approved without changes
2. Goal-setting for 2014
 - Would like to identify 4-5 top items that can drive the work of the Council and its Committees.
 - Implementation of Strategic Plan seems to be top priority. The Council needs to discuss what we can do to support the goals of the strategic plan.
 - The DNR priority-identifying exercise that evaluated the Agency's work against the Strategic Plan was very valuable and informative. There are outside agencies and partners that perhaps should do the same kind of evaluations and those would help inform us as well.
 - The Council's goal-setting discussion should include:
 - Strategic Plan Implementation
 - Education Committee
 - NR 40
 - Three areas of unfinished business discussed in the next agenda item.
3. Unfinished Council Business
 - a. Internet sales
 - b. Pet store sales
 - c. Baitfish
 - The Council needs an update on each of these and needs to identify how and where the Council brings value to these action items.
 - It would be helpful if the Council specifically identified what they want to see accomplished by the end of 2014 and identified specific tasks from there.
 - *Pet store sales*: There is a draft report to EPA on the pet store work that will be shared with the council as soon as it is finalized. At the Council meeting, we can provide a progress report, outline the work that has been done, and highlight the areas that have been identified as potential next steps.
 - *Baitfish*: The intra-agency meeting is scheduled for the day after the Council meeting
4. Future meeting dates
 - June's meeting is coincident with the Invasive Crusaders Awards, tentatively scheduled for Thursday, June 5. Jennifer will confirm that we have Olbrich for that date before the Council meeting.
 - Everyone agreed that quarterly meetings seem most appropriate.
 - Timing of the other meetings will depend on the Council's goal-setting discussion and can be scheduled at the end of that discussion.

5. Potential Council Member
 - A member of the public sent an inquiry about the Council to Dreux after inquiring with the Governor's office. Dreux explained the Council's charge and rules surrounding membership. Dreux will send information about the next meeting to the individual when we have the agenda and the public meeting announcement.
 - Council membership is currently full. Dreux will forward the list of term expiration dates to Paul.
 - Paul will follow-up with the individual after the Council meeting.
6. Action Items from Previous Council Meeting
 - Dreux and Paul will compare notes about the action items to make sure all are captured
 - Paul will draft a cover letter and work with Paul Heinen and Elizabeth Kluesner to edit and use to distribute the Strategic Plan Summary document to elected delegates in Washington.
 - Dreux will follow-up with Tom Boos for a note of what the Council can do to support IPAW in working with CWMAs.
 - There is an aquaculture lead at UWEX that has been meeting with industry to identify areas they find "problematic." Dreux will include a link to those presentations if they are still on the web.
 - The Intra-agency team working on baitfish has formed and will be meeting on January 31.
 - Everyone should review the notes and send edits to Dreux.
7. Future Council Coordination
 - Dreux will continue to coordinate the Council, the Interagency Committee, and NR40 efforts.
 - Jennifer will coordinate the Council's Education Committee.
8. Amaranth update
 - We are still learning about amaranth. It is prevalent in surrounding states, so very well may be in Wisconsin. In other states' extension offices, it is being dealt with as an agricultural weed. Most other states are handling with outreach and education through extension offices.
 - Paul questions whether it is spreading past agricultural fields and/or establishing in fallow fields?
 - Brian will consult the experts and summarize experiences from other states.
9. Agenda discussion
 - Committee updates
 - The Council needs to see what DNR put together for its priority-identifying exercise and what we've tasked other agencies to do. Dreux will present PowerPoint.
 - Other partners like IPAW and CWMAs could do the same exercise.
 - If we combine results from all the partners, it will tell the full story of the work going on in Wisconsin and how it compares to the Council's priorities.
 - Jennifer or Todd M. will present the Education Committee Update, including ISAM, the Education Summit, and the Invasive Crusader Awards – including Council participation.

- Upper Midwest Invasive Species Conference
 - The Council needs to get a response regarding conference participation and sponsorship to Mark Renz by the end of January
 - The conference can be sponsored by monetary contribution, time/work contribution, or both.
 - Council members need to be able to discuss and commit to if/how sponsorship will occur, (how much? who is going to be on what committees? etc.) at the meeting, so they need to see the letter and have all the information ahead of time.
 - Paul will forward the letter to the Council ASAP.
 - Dreux will re-attach his email to the agenda when it goes out.
- APHIS Program
 - Brian will check to see if someone can join this meeting and provide an update
- Fish Passage
 - Jack asked if the Council was still interested in an update on the Prairie du Sac dam?
 - Paul said only insofar as it dealt with fish passage.
 - The federal government is doing its own EIA/EIS process on it so it will take some time.
 - If the Prairie du Sac dam is discussed, it should be as an example/case study of the fish passage issue.
 - Dreux will provide a written summary of the fish passage issue.
- GLMRIS Report
 - DNR Staff had an update from the Army Corps of Engineers yesterday and has just barely begun to review and react.
 - It is a large and complex issue with many options.
 - A public comment period is open on the report through March 3.
 - Dreux will provide a written summary of the GLMRIS Report.

FINAL AGENDA:

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| 12:30 | Call to Order & Introductions |
| 12:35 | Approval: October 14, 2013 Council Meeting Minutes |
| 12:40 | Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Invasive Species and Program Updates (D. Watermolen) ▪ Amaranth (<i>Amaranthus</i>) Update (B. Kuhn) |
| 1:00 | Council Committee Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Education Committee (T. Matheson, J. Feyerherm) ▪ Interagency Committee (B. Kuhn) |
| 1:30 | Update: NR 40 Rule Revisions (D. Watermolen) |
| 1:40 | Discussion: Council Goals for 2014 |
| 2:15 | Break |
| 2:25 | Discussion: Council Goals for 2014, Continued |
| 3:00 | Discussion: Council Participation in Upper Midwest Invasive Species Conference |
| 3:20 | Scheduling: Future Council Meeting Dates |
| 3:30 | Informational: USDA APHIS Internet Compliance Work (TBD) |
| 3:55 | Public Comment and Adjourn |

10. Conveniently, Bill Horns' Retirement gathering is at 4:30 the day of the Council meeting for those that would like to attend.

11. Meeting adjourned.