

Minutes of Aquatic Invasive Species Committee Meeting

Monday, October 21, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Chris Webb at 9:10 am. Roll call of committee members verified quorum was present.

Members Present: Sally Pease, Ingemar Ekstrom, Marcia Wellnitz, Diane Menard, Chris Webb, and Andy Teal

Members Absent: Gerald Gustafson and Jim Krook

1. Verification of Public Notice: Public notice of meeting was posted on October 10, 2019 at 2:22 pm by Judy Bourassa.

2. Agenda approval: An addition was made to #8 in the agenda: Shoreline Monitor Drawing. A motion was made to approve the revised agenda by Marcia, seconded by Sally to approve this agenda. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

3. Approval of last month's minutes: A motion was made by Ingemar, seconded by Marcia to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, held September 16, 2019. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

4. Bayfield County A.I.S. Coordinator Report – Andy Teal

- At the AIS Coordinator Meeting, Andy spoke about the LEEP program.
- On October 8th, Andy went to a Facilitation Training.
- Andy is now on the NW Wisconsin Lakes Conference planning committee.
- October 10th was the Regional Lake Superior meeting.

5. Grant Balances/budget:

Sinking Fund Balance: \$11,255.41 (same)

Middle EC Grant: \$413.81 (same)

Upper EC Grant: \$106.14 (BAISS Boat parts)

CBCW Grant- Programs/Communications: \$231.38 (More Copies)

CBCW Grant –Misc./Other: \$1,745.36 (mileage and uniforms)

CBCW Boat Ramp Monitor Wages and taxes: \$26,632.33

Tomahawk/Sandbar Lakes Grant: \$7,823.65 (same)

Total 56900 – Lakes AIS/Conservation and Development: \$34,975.93

Discussion:

- Chris and Tami will write a summary of Middle and Upper grant expenses.
- Only 2 expenses items listed for gas, Chris will check on this with Gus.
- Chris will group expenses in categories and attach to minutes; categories, such as education/training, maintenance of the BAISS boat, boat landing monitors, etc.
- What role will Matt Berg play? A plant study?
- More BAISS boat hours?
- Still anticipating using 2 drivers next season.

- Are there enough expenses incurred on Middle and Upper to be worth filing all the paperwork? (Total of \$519.95)
- By December 10, 2019, Chris will file a grant extension for \$16,000 (\$4,000 per monitored landings).
- February 1, 2020: AIS Established Population Control grant is due.

6. BAISS Boat:

The BAISS boat is covered and stored for the winter.

7. Clean Boats and Clean Waters – Sally Pease (Number of Paid Hours)

- Number of paid and volunteer hours are all recorded on the SWIMS Database.
- Sally reported a successful musky tournament weekend (October 4-6).
- Lots of boats/pontoons were taken out that weekend too.
- A boat landing monitor position notice will be posted.

8. Tomahawk/Sandbar File Grant Extension:

- The grant for Tomahawk/Sandbar was extended to December 31, 2020 per Laura MacFarland, - Environmental Grant Specialist, in her letter dated October 11, 2019. There is \$62,785 left to spend for a one year period.
- Discussion on the use of chemical herbicide treatment for Tomahawk to eradicate the Eurasian Water Milfoil. Andy will send all members more information to study.
- The drawing for CBCW Shoreline Monitors was held. Three committee member's names were drawn, all three declined the certificate. New names were drawn and the winning volunteers were Craig and Leslie Noble (Cedar Lodge), Christine Neff (Trading Post), and Ron Stone (The Windsor). Congratulations!

9. Next Meeting Date: Next meeting date for Town of Barnes AIS Committee is Monday, April 20, 2020 at 9:00 am. All interested parties are welcome to attend.

- A thank you note will be sent to Jim Krook as he is resigning from the AIS committee.
- A notice will be sent out to recruit a new committee member.

10. Adjourn: A motion was made by Marcia, seconded by Ingemar to adjourn the meeting. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 am.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Menard
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