

## Minutes of Aquatic Invasive Species Committee Meeting

Monday, September 14, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Chris Webb at 9:05 am. Roll call of committee members verified quorum was present.

**1. Roll call: Members Present:** Sally Pease, Ingemar Ekstrom, Marcia Wellnitz, Diane Menard, Chris Webb, and Gerald Gustafson. The meeting was held in the Town Hall and on Zoom.

**Members Absent:** Andy Teal (Bayfield County AIS Coordinator).

**Verification of Public Notice:** Public notice of meeting was posted on September 11, 2020 at 12:18 pm by Judy Bourassa, Clerk/Treasurer.

**2. Approval of Agenda:** A motion was made by Marcia and seconded by Sally to approve the agenda. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

**3. Approval of last month's minutes:** A motion was made by Marcia and seconded by Ingemar to approve the minutes of two previous meetings, held August 10 and August 28, 2020. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried. The August 10<sup>th</sup> minutes were sent out by email previously.

**4. Bayfield County AIS Coordinator Report: Andy Teal**

Andy was absent from the meeting, so no report was given.

**5. Grant Balances/budget:**

**Sinking Fund Balance:** same

**CBCW 2020:** Expenses: Misc. /Other = \$219.10; Boat Ramp Monitors Wages = \$7,806.00; Coordinator Wages = \$4,704.00; Employer Taxes = \$957.01; **Total Program Grant #CBCW = \$13,686.11**

**DNR Middle:**

**DNR Upper:**

**Tomahawk/Sandbar:** Expenses: Driver's Wages = \$10,746.00; Employer Taxes = \$822.07;

**Total Tomahawk/Sandbar Lakes Grant = \$11,568.07**

**Other Expenses: Purchases = \$1,008.24** (including \$298.19 for gas, \$469.99 for Garmin GPS, and other miscellaneous); **BAISS Boat Maintenance = \$364.45**

**Total Expenses-Aquatic Invasive Species: -\$26,626.87**

**2021 Pre-application discussion:** We reviewed Section 5 (Project Budget) item-by-item.

1. Disinfecting and Sanitation Supplies: same
2. Gas and Equipment: Change \$700 to \$1,000
3. Plant Survey and Mapping: same
4. Certified SCUBA Divers: same (figuring 3 divers for 4 months)
5. Grant Administration: same (80 hours work from Judy and Tami)
6. BAISS Pontoon Driver and Assistant: change \$6,000 to \$10,000 (Volunteer hours and mileage)  
Delete Shoreline Monitoring Volunteers (volunteers are included in item #6)
7. (Add new item) Chemical Treatment for Tomahawk Lake (whole lake) = \$15,000

New total expenses need to be figured (approximately \$62,260; then, Grantee Share = \$15,565 and Grant Award Request = \$46,695). This budget will be looked at and discussed further with others too. Part C on the pre-application is questionable. We are all supposed to **study Section 8 (pages 5-8) and pages 8 and 9, points A through I before next meeting.**

**6. BAISS Boat – Repairs/Maintenance/Volunteers/Hours of Operations: Gus Gustafson**

During the last week of harvesting AIS, Monday was cancelled for weather. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday were worked as usual. Friday was going to be a make-up day, but that didn't happen. The boat was landed, cleaned up, and stored for the winter.

**7. Update on Upper/Middle Eau Claire Lakes SIS Removal: Gus Gustafson**

None

**8. Update on Tomahawk/Sandbar Lakes AIS Removal: Gus Gustafson**

None

**9. Clean Boats Clean Waters Report: Sally Pease**

Paid workers are done now. Musky Tournament has been canceled. Paid hours are 272 hours for Lower and Upper; 246 hours for Middle; 376 hours for Tomahawk and Robinson.

Volunteer hours are 81 hours for Upper, 74 hours for Middle, 49.5 hours for Lower, and 63 hours for Tomahawk and Robinson.

We discussed the bathroom/port-a-potty situation at all the landings.

Volunteers can keep working as they would like and the hours will be added to the totals.

**10. Discussion on Expansion of Committee's Responsibilities:**

We discussed the informational AIS brochure we would like to create and distribute. Chris created a preliminary copy that she read and described for us. She will send it out by email when it is reformatted. We will keep working on it, so it will be ready by the 2021 season.

**11. Next meeting Date** for Town of Barnes AIS Committee is Monday, October 12, 2020 at 9:00 am. All interested parties are welcome to attend. We will invite Andy Teal and Pamela Toshner.

**12. Adjourn:** A motion was made by Diane and seconded by Sally to adjourn the meeting. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 am.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Menard  
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