



MINUTES - WHIP Steering Committee Meeting June 17, 2016 – 9:00AM – Trees for Tomorrow – Eagle River, WI

PRESENT: Tom Rudolph, Lumberjack; Justin Meier, Vilas; Justin Bournoville, USFS, Cathy Higley, Vilas; Tracy Beckman, Lumberjack; Rosie Page, staff.

- 1 Call To Order – The meeting was called to order at 9:10 by Justin Meier. It was noted there is not a quorum with only three Partners represented. Minutes & Financials will be presented for approval at the next meeting in which there is a quorum. Updates were given as follows:
- 2 Introductions of attendees– Members attending already know one another so this item was skipped.
- 3 Approval of agenda was skipped
- 4 Approval of minutes of 5/20/16 was tabled until the next meeting
- 5 Approval of the Financial Reports from April and May is tabled until the next meeting
- 6 Chairperson Announcements – Justin notified the board he will no longer be able to be the WHIP Chairperson as he is going away to graduate school at end of July.
- 7 The Work Plan and the ISMP will have to be approved at the next meeting but it is noted that both documents along with the already approved Strategic Plan will be submitted as grant deliverables by the end of June.
- 8 Rosie gave an update regarding the grant deliverables for the WMA grant (mentioned in 7 above) and the Garlic Mustard grant. Both are on track and she plans to have the work complete, narratives written and submitted to Lumberjack by June 27th. Tracy will add the financial statements and submit both reports to the DNR. Rosie also mentioned she was contacted by Mike at the DNR about submitting an invoice for Wild Chervil in order to follow-up with the site that was treated last year. Two Citizen’s Monitoring Grants and the \$15K WMA grants were submitted and awards are supposed to be announced in early July. Rosie also submitted the Center for Cooperatives grant and has not heard back. It was noted that WHIP will receive a pass through grant from TIP to help develop outreach products that focus on invasive pathways.
- 9 WHIP Membership in IPAW and MIPN – Rosie will find out if Lumberjack’s membership would cover our fiscal agencies WHIP & TIP. Tracy will check with the Lumberjack Council to see if they will pay for both Memberships.
- 10 County Fairs – Rosie is attending Friday for both Oneida & Vilas County fairs. Steering committee members are asked to help man the booth at other times or join Rosie on Friday. Rosie will check with Michele to see if WHIP could leave some information on their table if Oneida Co L&W is going to be present.
- 11 Cathy talked about the right of way project. Tracy reminded that all topics that need voting should be added to the agenda for the July meeting.
- 12 The July Meeting is set for July 15, 2016, 9am.
- 13 The meeting wrapped up at 9:45am.