

**Wisconsin Tribal Conservation Advisory Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**July 27, 2005**  
**Oneida Wisconsin**

**Welcome**

**Roll Call:** Red Cliff, Sokaogon, Lac Courte Orielles, Lac Du Flambeau, Menominee, Stockbridge Munsee, St. Croix, Ho-Chunk, Forest City Potawatomi, Bad River, Oneida, GLIFWC.

**Quorum Present:** 11 tribes

**Introduction of WTCAC Members and Advisors**

**Approval of minutes March 24, 2005:** Ho Chunk motions to approve the minutes of March 24, 2005 seconded by Oneida: all ayes 0 opposed 0 abstentions Motion carried

**Approval of minutes June 23, 2005:** Ho Chunk motions to approve minutes of June 23, 2005 seconded by Bad River: all ayes 0 opposed 0 abstentions Motion Carried.

**Animal Plant Health Inspection Service APHIS update:**

**Joann Cruse:**

**Emerald Ash Bore:**

Emerald Ash Bore insect found in four more counties in Michigan greatest concern is bringing in this species by firewood from infected areas. All hardwood firewood is a major concern with APHIS so inspections are occurring frequently.

**Giant Hogweed:**

Exotic weeds located in Hurly Wisconsin, Iron County Giant Hogweed has been identified in six states in the country no control program established APHIS is working with land owners to try to get rid of it the best that they can.. The blooming between July and end of August. Identical characteristics are to cow parsnip mechanical and chemical eradication.

**NRCS Update: Pat Leavenworth State Conservationist**

**2007 Farm Bill:**

Listening session are occurring Secretary Huan will be coming to Wisconsin in August during the State Fair. Conservation Security Program will be evaluated. The Oneida Nation is involved in this program and it appears very successful at the various levels and the only tribe that has applied in the Nation.

State Technical Committee Meeting:

Deliver and shape programs available. Discussion on EQIP and the redesign programs. Most of the areas do not apply to tribes which are apple and cranberries operations and comprehensive nutrient management. Ann Archer for US Forest Service will also be attending.

Tribal Liaisons.

**WTCAC Small Project Proposal:**

**Draft project proposal form introduced:**

\$145,000 set aside for pilot conservation projects

5 projects @ 75,000

4 projects @ 60,000

1 projects @ 10,000

Type of review information in proposal.

Purchasing of equipment that meets the needs of the tribes which often Tribes are unable to access other agency funds.

EPA is implementing 2 areas of goals.

Environmental output something specific and tangible. Once the project is selected who will oversee the projects to make sure that the projects are meeting the requirements of the proposal requirements. Financial assistance and or technical assistance can be identified from NRCS. Can this be used for matching funds for EQIP? Some tribes did not submit for EQIP but maybe still do not have the funds available to assist.

Operations Committee (subcommittee): to be selected for reviewing the project proposal for WTCAC. We are growing in trying to meet the needs of the tribes. Tribes should at least come up with 10% match or in-kind of the projects and should reflect well on our successes. Committee can establish a list of ideas or perimeters of projects to be submitted. An advisor from NRCS will help move the whole process forward. Chris Borden is the acting State Conservation filling in for Jerry Thompson and will be working with the subcommittee for the project proposals. Ritchie Brown Ho Chunk; Rae Ann Maday Bad River; Stockbridge Munsee staff is interested

**Tribal WHIP Program:**

Sokagon Band additional WHIP Funds removing Beaver dam we are losing duck habitat so we are proposes to build duck houses for duck habitat motion bad River seconded by Ho Chunk all ayes 0 opposed 0 abstentions motion carried

**Wild rice Seeding Model:**

Seed collection, Seed dispersal, site evaluation, Floating leaf stage, Harvest stage, Projected cost at 16 acre sites; Seed collection seed dispersal, site evaluation, floating leaf stage site evaluation harvest stage. Maximum rate at \$469.78 an acre. The recommendation is to increase the cost share rate for wild rice seeding model. Ho Chunk Motion to implement the proposed rate of \$500.00 per acre for wild rice seeding model seconded by Mole Lake. Motion carried.

**Lamprey Barriers:**

Bill Mattus of GLIFWC and Mr. Mulek of Fish and Wild life Service in Michigan is in contact with Keith regarding this type of practice. Is the tribes interested in lamprey barrier practices?

**Tree drop**

In lakes rather than in river or streams is a different method that could be inexpensive in the long run. Need to come up with an average cost on the practice in which involves manual labor. Keith and Brett are in the process of putting information and criteria together. Will be added into the process.

**Status 2005 projects, EQIP Program 2005**

**Sokaogon Band project:**

Total proposal submitted by Sokaogon Band \$6,000.00 requested under EQIP motion to approve cost share proposal \$6,000.00 seconded by Bad River.

**Two additional requests from Forest County:**

1. wooden walk way for access
2. improving access road to Devils Lake install concrete pads for boat landing

Ho Chunk motion to approve cost share \$43, 425.00 for Forest County Seconded By LCO all ayes 0 opposed 0 abstentions motion carried.

Oneida has one change to their project closure of the waste impoundment \$62,564.00 Increase by \$2,500.00 motion to approve by Mole Lake seconded by Ho Chunk all ayes 0 opposed 0 abstentions motion carried.

EQIP monies allocated for EQIP tribal proposals to date is \$181,785.00.

**New practices proposed Pond 374:**

Practices added to the conservation list so that we can use as a component. We are just requesting to add 378 to the list for future use.

St. Croix proposal submitted concern. The question raised is that does the Tribe need to have a permit from DNR or EPA. Criteria identified for possible elimination of the contracts time frames.

**106 Consultation Process:**

Identify companies and consulting firms that would be able to comply on consulting for a 106 consultation process. Might be able to contract this out to a company that could follow through on this.

Action item Jean will meet with THPO in August and begin to prepare a RFP for section 106 process.

**Sponsorship for Wisconsin Wetlands Association:**

Future sponsorship of the Wisconsin Wetland Association Workshop for Tribal people only set up for September 7, 2005 WTCAC might be interested in getting involved in the next years conference a conference call is scheduled for July 28, 2005 under WTCAC.

**Indigenous Farming Conference:**

A teleconference was held on July 15, 2005 and dates for the conference have been identified for approval by WTCAC. The date identified are Feb 3, 4, 5, 2006. Oneida motion to set the date for Feb 3, 4, 5, 2006 and sign the contract with the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center second by Stockbridge Munsee all ayes 0 opposed 0 abstentions motion carried. A wild rice restoration session should be included or identified as a part of the conference so that we have an idea to plan a separate workshop just for wild rice restoration under WTCAC funds.

Motion to adjourn by Ho Chunk seconded by Bad River motion to adjourn 3:40 p.m.