

April 11, 2018

Meeting called to order at 1:08 pm

Roll Call

Bad River, FCPC, LCO, Mole Lake, Oneida, St Croix, Stockbridge

Approval of Agenda

Move minutes to tomorrow.

Stockbridge motions to approve agenda with one change, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mole Lake. All in favor, motion carries.

Invasive Species Preparedness Exercise Review and Discussion.

Jo Ann – we have a Farm Bill Project that is funding 3 meetings, we had our first one in Madison. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> of 3 meetings. Also, held table top exercises in January.

Pat – discussed MOU/MOAs. Working on a Plant Protection Ordinance.

USFS State and Private Forestry may have money available that could fund forest pest surveys.

NRCS Conservation Collaboration Grant

Concept is to provide tribal staff with training so that staff become more knowledgeable and can in deed do some of the stuff that currently NRCS is being asked to do. Part of this is to make a big difference in helping and supporting NRCS by helping ourselves. Training in ag, wetlands, forestry, fisheries, stream bank erosion, fish passage, etc. They have heard from Tribes that if they provide training in those areas that training will allow Tribal staff to increase their capacity then to do inventory and evaluation in recognition of Natural Resources Concerns. Bring on a Resource Conservationist and would do the coordination for training and helping with I&E. We recently talked with ACOE, they indicated that they might be able to help us with staffing for I&E and they indicated their willingness to work closely with Tribes and NRCS to look for funding gaps and would work hard to channel funds they have available to Tribes. They have engineering staff that would be willing to work with Tribes. ACOE can assist with any water resources projects, including storm water management.

Motion to adjourn by LCO, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stockbridge Munsee, meeting adjourned at 4:35.

April 12

Roll Call: FCPC, Ho-Chunk, LCO, Mole Lake, Oneida, Bad River, St. Croix, Stockbridge-Munsee.

Motion to table approval of minutes until next meeting by Ho-Chunk, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stockbridge, all in favor motion carried.

APHIS Update

JoAnn – She retires in 2 weeks. Christopher Deegan will be taking over for her as the State Plant Health Director. He has been in Wisconsin before. He currently has the same roll in Oregon. Nothing has changed as far as staffing goes. No more counties will be added to the gypsy moth quarantine. Long consultation on the federal statewide EAB quarantine. The state went ahead and quarantined the state of WI at the state level. The federal side has not followed suite because of opposition for some of the

Tribes in the state. Therefore, APHIS decided to resend letters to all Tribes offering to consult more if they wanted to. She said the letters were sent out a 2 weeks ago. If caught once moving logs there is a letter sent, if caught again they were receive fines. Pat asked if someone transported logs onto a Reservation that was not part of quarantine, what would APHIS do? JoAnn wasn't sure because it hasn't happened before. DATCP did send a letter to all Tribes making them aware of the statewide quarantine and that it does not affect Reservation Land. APHIS could send a letter through the industry to make them aware of not crossing into EAB Land. She recommended that Tribe's send letters to APHIS requesting APHIS to enforce the restriction of wood movement onto Reservation Lands.

She does not have the EAB traps yet. Someone else will get them to us. Jerry has scheduled the last training in MN for May 1 – 3. That agreement expires the end of June. Tabletop exercises and rapid response – this closes out in September. We probably will not be able to get any more tabletop exercises done by then. New Farm Bill suggestions are usually due around July. They have an APHIS Native American Working Group and they typically have a training/workshop every 2 years. The last 6 years they have been in Albuquerque, this year it will be in Green Bay. Safe Guarding Natural Heritage sessions June 18-22 and July 9-13 in Keshena for youth. Looking for 10 – 15 kids for each session.

NRCS

Conservation Easement Presentation – Greg Kidd and Laurel Qualy

CSP Presentation – Ryan Gerlich

Industrial Hemp – Tom Krapf – hand out provided. They can provide assistance for industrial hemp with the last farm bill. See Section 7606 of the 2014 Farm Bill. If Tribes are looking at going down this road, please let them know. Concerns that state laws allowing this don't apply to Reservations.

Weather Stations – Chris Borden – Map of current weather stations in the state was handed out. Bad River can be added to this as well. In the future, would like to discuss with this data means for the Tribes, would like to have it put on a future agenda. The State Soil Scientist would be the one to give more info at an upcoming meeting if we wanted.

Chris thanked Red Cliff for all the work they have done on the upcoming training at Red Cliff. They have 42 USDA participants.

Brock Woods – He works for the University of Wisconsin but works closely with colleagues at DNR. Gave presentation on Phragmites. Can give us complete list of invasive species reports in the state.

WSB and Associates – Tony Havranek - Gave presentation – Thinking about partnering with WTCAC to host a WTCAC intern and then develop them into a TSP. They would bring the intern on and would pay for them.

DATCP – Brian Kuhn – hemp program is tied back to 2014 Farm Bill. Governor signed legislation on December 2. March 2 an emergency rule was published. They have about 90 license applications so far and are taking applications through May 1. One time licensing fee of a minimum of \$150. Annually need to be registered for \$350. THC level has to be below a 0.3% THC. Grower has to be tied into the research side of it. EAB – March 30 a letter was sent to Tribes and GLIFWC that they were moving forward with the statewide quarantine. Seven new counties with EAB finds this year. They set about

2000 traps this year across non-quarantine counties. Federal trapping program has now moved out of Wisconsin in Minnesota.

NASS – Greg Bussler – they are still collecting data on it and probably will be until the end of May. As of Monday, 54% of farmers had returned it. Wisconsin was at 61%. March Ag Survey showed that in the US for the first time since 1983, corn is not the primary crop, it will be soybeans.

Rural Development – Frank – He came on board last November as the State Director. He is looking forward to being a regular presence at our meetings. In particular, they have worked very closely with Water and Wastewater Facilities and other Community Services. VAPG has assisted numerous Indian Communities. Their main goal is Rural Prosperity. Broadband, telemedicine, and value added all saw increased funding in the latest funding bill. Telemedicine is really focusing on opioid issues.

USFS – We should have all received consultation letters for changes to NEPA. Two more national consultations will be coming up this summer. GLRI RFP is out right now. Mike Conner's replacement will start in June.

#### Strategic Plan

Motion to accept the Strategic Plan and approve it as a living document by Mole Lake, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stockbridge-Munsee, all in favor motion, motion approved.

Motion to move into Executive Session by LCO, 2<sup>nd</sup> by St Croix. All in favor, motion carries.

Motion to exit Executive Session by Stockbridge, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mole Lake. All in favor, motion carries.

Motion to assign Pat and Nate to give Alan his performance review and give him a \$5/hour increase by Ho-Chunk, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bad River. All in favor, motion carries.

Motion to authorize Pat to sign the match letter for the NRCS Conservation Collaboration Grant by FCPC, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bad River, all in favor, motion carries.

#### Financials

Erin went through the financial report.

Motion to accept and approve the financial report by Stockbridge, 2<sup>nd</sup> by LCO. All in favor, motion carries.

#### Farm Bill 2018

Alan handed out the draft letter to the Native Farm Bill Coalition.

Motion to authorize Pat to sign the letter and submit to the Native Farm Bill Coalition once grammatical errors are corrected by LCO, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stockbridge, all in favor, motions carries.

#### Aquaculture

Jeremy was absent from the last meeting. He is wondering were Pat and his staff are for moving ahead with Oneida. They are looking at going with the lake site.

#### APHIS Capacity

Jerry – In Madison he showed us what he was working on for the upcoming training. He handed out the training manual on APHIS he put together. The goals have changed so we need to look at the new information he handed out. Jerry will send all of us the invite to see if staff from Wisconsin want to attend the last training in Clouquet the first week in May.

#### Forestry

Paul – Handed out draft agenda for next meeting on May 15<sup>th</sup> at FCPC. Paul will work with Nate to finalize details next week.

#### Pesticide Survey Results

Keith – they are still hoping for the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in June for the Pesticide Training. Keith needs to know exactly the type of training staff are looking for, sounds like State Certification Training.

#### Wetlands

Randy – Talked to EPA about funding for Wetland Subcommittee, he got an email that EPA set aside \$20,000 for training for WTCAC. Planning trainings for Floristic Quality and Functional Assessments for Wetlands. Also planning one subcommittee meeting to be funded under this. He is working on the work plan for this money.

#### Interns

Only one application so far, Justice Ramos, she is attending George Washington University. She wants to receive a well-rounded background so she can be impactful.

Motion to hire Justice Ramos as a WTCAC intern for RMA by FCPC, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bad River, all in favor, motion carries.

Angela sent a letter expressing her interest on working on a new agreement with WTCAC. Alan, Chris, Erin, Pat and Nate will meet in May.

Next Meeting July 12 at Menominee.

Motion adjourn the meeting by FCPC, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stockbridge. Meeting adjourned at 4:04.