



February 11, 2019 WTCAC Meeting

Roll Call: Bad River, FCPC, Ho-Chunk (on phone in morning), LCO, Mole Lake, Oneida, Red Cliff, St. Croix, Stockbridge-Munsee

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda by Mole Lake, 2<sup>nd</sup> by LCO, all in favor, motion carries.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the January 23, 2019 WTCAC Meeting Minutes by Mole Lake, 2<sup>nd</sup> by St. Croix, Ho-Chunk abstains, all the rest in favor, motion carries.

Farm Bill Updates – Pat Pelky – Colby Durents replaced Janie Hipp, we are going to invite him to come to a WTCAC meeting and give an update on what the Farm Bill means for Tribes.

EAB Traps – There are traps available but we need to contact APHIS no later than today.

EQIP Updates – Chris Borden – NRCS did a little bit of work in regards to the payment schedule this year. Looking at increase in payment rates for areas with arsenic concerns. Andy working on understory plantings in black ash based on the work being done at Stockbridge-Munsee. Conifers are working to control reed canary grass. Issue with pollinator cost that they are working on. Will have to wait until new rules come out for CSP before they have a sign up.

Conservation Collaboration Grants and Cooperative Agreements – Eric Allness – Coordinates grants and agreements and TSPs. Agreements they like to enter into are for mutual benefit. NRCS usually provides 50%-75% of the cost. They will be taking proposals for competitive agreements through grants.gov and NRCS would provide 100% of the cost for the competitive grants however some partner contribution is preferred. Probably be open from 45 – 60 days in duration. WTCAC did submit last year. It will be coming out very soon. They will entertain contribution agreements at any time but we would need at least a 25% match. They funded 6 proposals last year and they all added staff to NRCS offices. If WTCAC hired someone, it is possible that they could get an NRCS vehicle and have office space at an NRCS office. Could also cover travel. Could cover internships. Funding will be through Conservation Technical Assistance (CTA) also EQIP, CSP, and ACEP. A non-profit can get a negotiated IDC rate by going to any federal agency. We could also submit multiple proposals. The only thing that needs a TSP Certification is to write Conservation Activity Plans (CAPs).



Most of these agreements have been set up as actual cost so they will ask for payroll documentation.

Annual Report – Chris has seven summaries written up for Tribes. Chris will call the Tribes he needs info from yet. We still need to have the discussion with other USDA partners on including something in the report.

Technical Recommendations – Keith – The ones on our list are arsenic wells, high cap wells, fish kettles. Also have some new fisheries practices to discuss at the next subcommittee meeting. If any Tribes has other ones, please let Keith know.

2501 – Alan – Have out 1<sup>st</sup> training coming up in 2 weeks in combination with a couple of other organizations – Tribal Food Producer and Farming 101 Workshop on February 15 and 16. Passed out a potential schedule for trainings. A couple of ideas: Season extension training (check with Dan Cornelius), hemp training.

Fishery Subcommittee – no updates

Forestry Subcommittee – no updates; need to look into the definition of agroforestry. Need to schedule next meeting, but need to know if government is going to shut down again. If they do shut down again, they may look at a different topic to cover in the next meeting.

Wetland Subcommittee – Handed out Wetland Science Conference information. Scheduled for February 19-21 in Madison, 10 of 11 Tribes are signed up.

Polices/Bylaws – Nate and Tina will redraft and send out.

Interns –

Motion to approve Jon Rabideaux as an intern with placement to be determined by Red Cliff, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mole Lake, all in favor, motion approved.

Motion to approve Murlana Nelson as an intern with placement to be determined by Red Cliff, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stockbridge, all in favor, motion carries.

Motion to move to Executive Session, by Red Cliff, 2<sup>nd</sup> by LCO, all in favor, motion carries.

Motion to move to leave Executive Session by LCO, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stockbridge, all in favor, motion carries.



Motion to direct the Executive Director to seek 3 bids for the completion of a financial review by Red Cliff, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stockbridge-Munsee. All in favor, motion carries.

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

Collaboration Grant Discussion – really need to look to submit a proposal for engineering assistance as well as interns.

Next Meeting – Mole Lake – March 19 or 20 or April 11 or 18, Tina will check on availability and Alan will check with USDA agencies.

Motion to adjourn by Mole Lake, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bad River, all in favor, motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm.