

WTCAC Meeting
April 5, 2011
Oneida Radisson Hotel and Conference Center

Meeting called to order at 8:31 by Jonathan Pyatskowitz.

1. Roll Call

Present: HO-Chunk (Sara Schmidt), LCO (Brett McConnell), Menominee (Jonathan Pyatskowitz), Oneida (Pat Pelky), St. Croix (Tony Havranek), Cyrus Hester (Bad River). A quorum is present.

Others Present: Jerry Thompson (WTCAC Program Manager), Sherrie Zenk-Reed (NRCS), Greg Yakle (NRCS), Pat Leavenworth (NRCS), JoAnn Cruise (APHIS), various tribal representative for TCAC Training.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: to approve agenda. Motion by Oneida, Seconded by St. Croix. All ayes, zero opposed, motion carried.

3. Approval of minutes tabled until next meeting

4. NRCS update – Pat Leavenworth

The Federal Budget is on continuing resolution until Friday. President Obama is meeting with House and Senate this morning to work toward a compromise. House Republicans have submitted a proposal to extend this Friday's deadline. WT Fisheries initiative handout distributed. This project provides special funding for 3 special fish projects totaling \$300K for WHIP. State Resource assessment of at-risk acres (handout distributed). This intended to assess how much of the state land needs treatment, how to rank these at-risk acres, and how much state can do to address resource concern. Results will be submitted to WTCAC for consultation before June 1, which is the state's deadline. Funds will be allocated for FY12 in August. Pat served as an advisor to Wisconsin Climate Change Impact Council and their Report was published Feb. 8 and Pat will get a copy to submit to WTCAC. Three tribal forest management plans were reviewed and one denied because it did not meet resource concern. NRCS forester will work with BIA. Pat also asked to participate in indigenous knowledge conference with GEM at UWSP from May 9-11. Tribal technical service project \$ to tribes to provide technical assistance for practice implementation. Pat working with UW Madison on working with tribes toward agricultural sustainability and understanding how climate change will affect agricultural sustainability. Tony asked if Forest Mgmt plan practice – does it apply to all tribal lands within a tribe or is it parcel-specific. Brett asked question regarding raceways

5. APHIS Update – JoAnne Cruse

Gypsy moth and EAB going to lumped into forest pest group for future budgeting. JoAnne met with individual tribal representatives earlier this year to discuss programs or any concerns. Price and Jackson Counties are being added to Gypsy moth quarantine. APHIS is planning a table top exercise with Menomonie for a plant health emergency sometime in April. EAB trap supply requests being granted and traps will be supplied at May 10-11 WTCAC meeting at Bad River. Discussion regarding purchase of equipment with APHIS funds and who becomes owner (tribe, APHIS, WTCAC?).

Nate Guldán arrived around 9:14 from FCPC.

6. New Project Proposals

Engineer - \$13K left in special projects funds. Fishery Initiative project will require engineer and WTCAC is considering hiring Keith Sengbush. Jerry sent letter to Office of Outreach and Advocacy to request transfer of grant funds to allow hiring Keith for this project.

WTCAC Strategic Plan

Invasive Species subcommittee meeting – herbaceous weed practice accounting issues. Auditing revealed discrepancies between treatment requirements and field practice methods. Should practice define the “treatment area” and account for patchy distribution within a larger acreage? Pat Murphy willing to work with WTCAC Invasive Species subcommittee on this issue. Jerry will talk with Pat Murphy about setting up a meeting to discuss. Possible meeting scheduled for morning of May 10 at 9:00.

7. Financial Report

Jerry presented WTCAC concept of NRCS allocation and inter-tribal cooperation for using these funds and staying within NRCS allocation.

Small grant money for tribes to do research on a project where no technical standard exists.

Jerry to submit timesheets, daily reports, and grant reports.

Roman Ferdinand (Mole Lake) arrived at 10:14