

# Menominee Town/County Land Conservation Committee Meeting Minutes

*Thursday July 13, 2023- 8:30 a.m.*

*County Conservation Building W3270 Courthouse Ln, Keshena*

1. *Call to order. Roll Call.* Ben Warrington calls meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Ruth Winter, Denise Gilane, Heather Pyatskowitz, and Ben Warrington are present. Also present, Alex Forster, Jeremy Johnson, and Abby Vogt.
2. *Approval of meeting minutes from May 11, 2023.* Heather motions to approve minutes, second by Denise. All in favor, motion passes.
3. *Timberland Invasives Partnership update.* Abby gave an update of TIP activities since the last meeting. Field season is has been busy especially with no field technician. There is an interview this afternoon July 13, 2023 that will hopefully extend an offer. Garlic Mustard and Spotted Knapweed have been treated within the county. This has shown promising progress with decreasing population sizes to maintain. Buckthorn, honeysuckle, oriental bittersweet and bull thistle are other invasives that have been treated within the county. Abby has been in contact with property owners about invasive species on their properties. Treatment will continue into the fall/winter weather permitting. Two workshops will be coming up, one at Navarino Nature Center on July 28<sup>th</sup>, and the Lumberjack meeting on July 27<sup>th</sup>.
4. *Cost-share project request for Schuh at N1420 Running Bear Road.* Jeremy explained this shoreline is being undercut a lot by wind and wave action. The owners contacted Jeremy regarding shoreline, cost-sharing was discussed and the owners agreed to replant and revegetate the whole center part of their lot between the house and the lake leaving a few pathways to access the lake. This cost-share project is for more vegetation and rock protection like previous projects. Price and total cost of the project was discussed.

Heather makes a motion to approve the cost-share project request at N1420 Running Bear Road for 50% of the accepted bid, second by Denise. All in favor, motion passes.

5. *Cost-share project request for Palesse at W235 Highwater Road.* Jeremy is waiting for Cathy to reply in regards to if she will be moving forward with the cost-share project if the bid she received doesn't go down in price from \$6,000.00 to \$5,000.00. Her shoreline is really steep rock due to waves and ice that shoves it which causes her to restack the rocks. Project cost was discussed. Heather makes a motion to approve the cost-share project request at W235 Highwater Road for 50% of the accepted bid, second by Denise. All in favor, motion passes.
6. *Conservation summer tour update.* Jeremy updates everyone that the summer tour will be Friday August 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. until around 12:30 p.m. We will start the day at the Menominee Logging Museum and Historic Preservation where there will be a presentation followed by a tour at some of the MTE Sustainable Forestry sites, lunch will also be provided afterward. RSVP is required and there will be a slight fee. A date hasn't been finalized for RSVP dates but most likely you will need to RSVP by July 28<sup>th</sup>.
7. *Other items for discussion.* Jeremy would like Alex to make a Facebook post regarding the cost-share program to hopefully get a few more applicants. Ben brought up Alliant Utilities leaving telephone poles over by the community garden. They caused damage to the waterline and highway dept. had to move them. Ben is trying to track down who authorized it and what the process is. This is a hazard and is unsightly. Discussion about a tribal land owner having property on neighboring county property. How this should be handled since it would potentially be the county property owner that is violating county/town rules. Options on how to handle this issue was discussed and Jeremy will be looking into this.
8. *Next meeting date and agenda items.* The next meeting is scheduled for August 17<sup>th</sup> 2023, 8:30 a.m. at the County Conservation Building.
9. *Adjournment.* Heather makes a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Denise. Meeting is adjourned at 9:11 a.m.