

Menominee Town/County

Land Conservation Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday May 11, 2023 – 8:30 a.m.

Courthouse Board Room, W3269 Courthouse Lane, Keshena

1. *Call to order. Roll call.* Ben Warrington calls meeting to order at 8:31 a.m. Heather Pyatskowitz, Ruth Winter, Denise Gilane, and Ben Warrington are present. Also present, Jeremy Johnson.
2. *Election of officers.* Ruth nominates Ben for committee chairperson. There are no other nominations. Denise seconds the nomination. All in favor, motion passed. Ruth nominates Denise for committee vice-chairperson. There are no other nominations. Heather seconds the nomination. All in favor, motion passed.
3. *Approval of meeting minutes from January 25, 2023.* Ruth motions to approve minutes, second by Heather. All in favor, motion passes.
4. *Timberland Invasives Partnership update.* Jeremy gives an update of TIP activities since last meeting. As field season is now going, a lot of control and monitoring activities are underway.
5. *Cost-share project outlook.* Jeremy gives an overview to the upcoming projects. There is one carry over from 2022 that will be done this summer. He also has had discussions with a few owners about possible cost-share projects. These will be on the agenda when ready for committee review.
6. *Conservation summer tour.* Jeremy describes an upcoming tour he will host this summer for northeast Wisconsin conservation staff. The date is not set yet, but he has a tentative schedule of starting at Historic Preservation followed by a tour by MTE of several forest sites. He will pass along the information when it is set.
7. *Other items for discussion.* Jeremy mentions that all approvals have now been obtained to treat Legend and LaMotte lakes with herbicide this spring. Treatment will most likely be in late May or early June.

A short discussion occurred on staffing shortages and that it is common all over now. Jeremy hopes to fill the Technician/AIS Coordinator position soon. Heather mention the Tribal ESD is short two personnel right now.

8. *Next meeting date and agenda items.* The next meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. Cost share projects and field season updates will be on the agenda.
9. *Adjournment.* Meeting is adjourned at 8:59 a.m.