

Menominee Town/County Land Conservation Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 14, 2023 – 8:30 a.m.

County Conservation Building

W3270 Courthouse Lane, Keshena WI

1. *Call to order. Roll Call.* Ben Warrington calls meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Heather Pyatskowitz, Ruth Winter, Ben Warrington, and Denise Gilane, are present. Also present, Jeremy Johnson, Alex Forster, and Steve Savage.
2. *Approval of meeting minutes from August 17th, 2023.* Heather motions to approve minutes, second by Denise. All in favor, motion passes. Ben abstains he was not present at the last meeting.
3. *Timberland Invasives Partnership update.* Abby was not present as she was at a youth conservation/education day at the Navarino Nature Center. Jeremy read the update Abby wrote on her work the last month. Weather permitting she will continue to treat woody invasives around the area into late fall, focusing on Buckthorn, Honeysuckle, and Oriental Bittersweet. Abby and Alex took a day to focus on Honeysuckle along Old South Branch Rd. They also have been treating Buckthorn, Oriental Bittersweet, and honeysuckle at Medicine Hat Beach Club. September 22nd, 2023 Abby, Alex, Jeremy, along with three volunteers will be treating Honeysuckle on Peshtigo Island.
4. *Cost-share Project Request for LLPOA at N1024 Old South Branch Rd.* Steve explains there is 110ft of shoreline the LLPOA has agreed not to mow and create a buffer where they plan to plant native plants to help stabilize shoreline and detour geese. This will create a more natural shoreline. This project will use up the remainder of the funds for this year. If needed we can extend this into next year if plants don't arrive in time. Heather makes a motion to approve the cost-share project for LLPOA at N1024 Old South Branch Rd. for the remainder of the cost-share funds \$2,002.00, Second by Ruth. All in favor, project approved.
5. *Terrestrial and Aquatic invasive species update.* Alex and Abby will continue to work on invasives throughout the fall. Alex gives an update on purple loosestrife/beetles. She has obtained a mass rearing cage that will be used next year. With this cage we will be able to have about 50 plants and raise thousands of beetles to be able to release at various purple loosestrife locations. She also attended a meeting regarding overwintering plants and beetles. This is something that we

will be looking at doing in the future so we don't have to take plants and beetles from previous locations. Jeremy gives an update on EWM on the lakes. Moshawquit treatment three years ago has done really well, it was low last year and has stayed low this year. La Motte Lakes treatment this spring did not do well, there seemed to be a good amount of EWM. The contractor that treated the lake has agreed to supply either the full amount or half of the ProcellaCOR to retreat. The seven areas that were treated on Legend Lake were a success. There is only 24-30 dense acres that will need to be treated for 2024. Curly Leafed Pondweed has gotten worse on Legend Lake but this will continued to be managed. Onterra believes the population won't get much worse and is not a concern at the moment. Alex gave an update on Phragmites, the locations around Legend Lake along with the area in Neopit there has not been any regrowth. Alex also went out with Abby, Cierra, and Kyle to help treat Phragmites on Rainbow Falls Rd. and across from Max Martin Rd. Those treatments went well. Ben asked about Garlic Mustard treatment, Jeremy explained we treat and manage our areas within the right-of-way along roadsides to help prevent spread. MTE is taking a different approach due to new research that after a few decades garlic mustard will naturalize and not be so much of a problem. So the heavy dense areas in the forest will be left alone instead of using herbicides. Alex and Jeremy also mention they took a class on ArcGIS training. This is something they will use over the winter to create maps of populations for both terrestrial and aquatic invasive species. Where they are, treated sites and so forth.

6. *Other items for discussion.*

7. *Next meeting date and agenda items. If a meeting is needed the next meeting will be held at the County Conservation Building W3270 Courthouse Lane in Keshena on October 12th at 8:30 a.m.*

8. *Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 8:51 a.m.*