

Wisconsin Invasive Species Council Executive Committee Meeting

February 14, 2018
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Via SKYPE
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DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Members present: Tom Buechel (Green Industry), Drew Feldkirchner (DNR), Brian Kuhn (DATCP)

Others present: Tara Bergeson (DNR staff)

Chairman Buechel called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Mr. Kuhn made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 17, 2017 Executive Committee meeting. Mr. Feldkirchner seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

Update on SAG Process Review

- SAG Team Leader group discussion took place February 13 at DNR. DNR Social Scientist, Jordan Petchenik facilitated the discussion. Tara Bergeson took notes. Next steps will be to compile notes and prepare a report, which can then be discussed by the SAG Review Team to update the SAG process for the future.

Council Onboarding (Tom Buechel draft document)

The Committee briefly reviewed a draft Council onboarding document. The document will be finalized and used when new Council members join.

Review minutes and tasks from December 2017 Council meeting

TASK: Ms. Bergeson will send Council information and link to online application to Mr. Renz. **Status – Complete.**

TASK: Ms. Bergeson will send doodle polls to Council members to determine dates for 2018 Council meetings and Executive Committee meetings. **Status – Complete.**

TASK: Ms. Bergeson will ask Council members for ideas about presentation topics for meeting with the goal of connecting with various groups. **Status – In Progress.**

TASK: Tara could bring this question to the DIST at a policy meeting – what can the Council help us with? **Status – In Progress.**

TASK: Executive Committee – put some ideas on paper related to updating Council goals. Have a call just for this topic – for whole Council. **Status – Not Started.**

TASK: Council review Strategic plan for anything that is not accurate. Still structurally sound document. Could then put a note on the website saying it's not being updated right now and why... okay for the short term. **Status – Not Started.**

TASK: Drew and Tara – check on who did the work for the current strategic plan? Is there someone in DNR who could make updates? **Status – Not Started.**

TASK: Tara will create a starting list of onboarding items and send around to Council to make additions. **Status – In Progress.**

Preparation of agenda for March 7, 2017 Council meeting

The March 7 Council meeting will take place at Beaver Creek Reserve near Eau Claire. The Council will join the annual CISMA meeting for part of their morning agenda. The agenda will be as follows:

MORNING

with Cooperative Invasive Species Management Areas (CISMAs) Meeting
in the Main Lodge at Beaver Creek Reserve

Introductions

CISMA Updates

Lunch, networking, and time to explore Beaver Creek Reserve

AFTERNOON

Council's Regular Meeting
Savannah Room, Wise Nature Center at Beaver Creek Reserve

Introductions

Status of Council member terms

UMISC sponsorship

2018-2019 Council goals

Information Item: DNR Invasive Species Prioritization Effort (Bergeson)

Committee report: Council's Research and Regulations Committee (Greg Long)

- SAG Review Update

Committee report: Council's Education Committee (Christa Schaefer)

- Invasive Species Action Month (Invader Crusader Awards; Video Contest)

Updates from Council Members

Adjourn

Future Council Direction

- meetings (locations; schedule for 2018)
 - i. December meeting at Lewis Station Winery?

Agency/program updates on invasive species

DNR (Tara)

Phragmites Rooster

- On January 16, 2018, the department learned that Pier 1 Imports was selling a home décor “rooster” that was made (at least, in part) from *Phragmites* with some seeds still attached.
- Because *Phragmites* is not listed as a federal noxious weed, Wisconsin APHIS and DATCP had no authority to act.
- Mary Bartkowiak, WI DNR, sent a letter to Pier 1 Imports informing them of the NR40 status of *Phragmites* in the state.
- On January 30, Tara Bergeson received a call from a representative of Pier 1 Imports saying that the company had sent letters to all its U.S. stores directing them to remove the item from their shelves and destroy the stock.
- *Phragmites* is a noxious weed in Nebraska and APHIS staff quarantined roosters in their Lincoln, NE office. They also contacted the Pier 1 distributor and informed them that it is illegal to sell this item online to be shipped to Nebraska because of the noxious weed status
- Link to sales site: <https://www.pier1.com/natural-large-rooster/3194194.html#q=rooster&start=1>

Invasive Species Prioritization Update

- Ms. Bergeson is leading a team of DNR staff to develop a process to prioritize the agency’s invasive species work on department owned and managed lands. The team is in the process of drafting criteria and a tool that will be useable by property managers and decision-makers across the agency. The scope of the tool covers terrestrial, wetland, and aquatic invasive species. Ms. Bergeson will continue to update the Council on progress of this effort.

ISAM Update

- The Committee proposes renaming the event from Invasive Species **Awareness** Month to “Invasive Species **Action** Month.”
- The Education Committee has prepared a timeline for ISAM activities for 2018, including for the annual Invader Crusader Awards and Protect the Places You Play Video Contest.
- Erik Barber, DNR Office of Communications, will assist with the video contest and other OC staff will help with promoting the video contest. Splash banner, rolling banner, Facebook posts etc.

Other business allowed by law

No other business was discussed.

Chairman Buechel adjourned the meeting at 12:03 p.m.