



MINUTES

November 28, 2017 (to be approved)

Present: Nan Olson, Jim Krueger, Jeremy Oswald, Sally Pease, William Bussey
Staff: Andrew Teal, AIS Coordinator;
Absent: Sarah Boles
Attendance: Melissa Kraft, LWCD Assistant; Ellen Lafans, Bayfield County Lakes Forum Director; Ramona Shackelford, NCWMA Coordinator

1. **Call to Order:** Nan called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m.
2. **Introductions:** Brief introductions were conducted.
3. **Public Comment:** Successful October 7th Bayfield County Lakes Forum meeting.

Discussion on Bayfield Co flood and erosion hazard prevention. A small group of Bayfield county residents made up of town, lake association, and economic development representatives gathered. The group began meeting to discuss shoreline ordinances, flooding and erosion prevention standards adopted by other WI counties. The group is looking for more town officials to help with the effort in developing recommendations for the Bayfield Co Planning and Zoning Committee to consider in early 2018 under general zoning provisions. Bayfield Co Zoning Dept. is aware of their efforts. Anyone interested in being involved should contact Tim Kane, the UW-Extension Community Development Educator for Bayfield County.

4. **Motion:** Approve minutes from August 23, 2017 - AIS Committee meeting. **Krueger / Pease** – carried.
5. **Grant Updates:** Andy reported totals remaining in the CBCW-Lake Superior, CBCW-Protecting Iron River Lakes, AIS Grant #5, and NCWMA Boat Washer grants (see Andy's report). Andy summarized hours spent and contacts made.
6. **Discussion – Funding options-changes brought by contracts, and a new idea from Tim Campbell:** Tim is funded through UW Extension, WI Sea Grant, and WI DNR, and is based out of Madison. He goes to statewide AIS Coordinator meetings. He is involved in education awareness. Discussion by Tim regarding his pre-proposal handout - Aquatic CWMA across the 4 Lake Superior counties -along with a few other proposed CWMA's statewide. DNR would still need to sign off on proposal. Tim is proposing a half-time permanent coordinator position for the four Lake Superior counties. DNR can directly contract with counties and organizations like UW-Extension. Concern of Jim's is that most counties do not have an equal number of lakes. Additional concern regarding coverage gaps. Coordinator to cover four counties is a good idea but money is divided equally. However, flip side is large amount of grant money may not be available in the future. Would go into effect before 2019.

Jeremy questions the counties Lake Superior Region. We are covering same areas as NCWMA so would make it easier to partner with them. Until approval from DNR, it's out there as information.

7. **Discussion- CBCW-Iron River grant match:** Andy updated the Committee on the match compiled to date. Demonstrated the calculations used to figure out Long Lake Property Owners Association's share of match based on paid hours.
8. **AIS Coordinator's Report:** Andy shared some of his recent activities.

Hand pulled plants near bridge at Namekagon River/Lake Namakagon outlet - Hybrid watermilfoil.

Four Seasons Resort - Oct 17th most recent hand pulling. The month of September is easier to identify hybrid plants. Later in the fall it gets harder to identify due to sediment and plants dying. Bluegill Bay-genetic testing done at Grand Valley State University in Michigan. DNR sent it in. \$9600 for testing of Lake Namakagon hybrid watermilfoil. Newsletters are sent out with articles discussing recent activity and what plants have been found, if any, and the concern regarding them and the potential for them to get down river.

Yellow Iris was first spotted at Atkins Lake in 2011 and there are now 40 plants. Andy worked with two landowners to log locations and remove flowers/seed capsules.

Jeremy Bates and Andy logged many GPS points of curly-leaf pondweed populations in the Iron River ~200 feet downstream of the Tri-County Corridor bridge, and did the same for yellow iris near the Iron Lake outlet that serves as the start of the Iron River.

Andy is currently working on grant reporting.

9. Partner/Department Reports

Andy noted that Mike Defoe is no longer the Red Cliff Natural Resource representative.

UW-Extension-Tim Kane: The Northwest Wisconsin Lakes Conference is on June 22nd, 2018 at Spooner High School.

10. Future AIS Activities:

- Save the date: April 18th-20th, 2018—WI Lakes Partnership Convention, Holiday Inn Express, Stevens Point
- Save the date: June 22nd, 2018-Northwest WI Lakes Conference, Spooner High School, Spooner, WI -Ellen noted Jim Brandenburg-photographer and one other may attend. AIS topic speaker to discuss genetics of AIS. 49 students attended last year. Andy further noted he has a contact who specializes in invasive species outreach.
- Save the date: October 15-18th, 2018—Upper Midwest Invasive Species Conference, Mayo Civic Center, Rochester, MN

Nan recommended the DNR – Lake Leaders Training Program. Good program to go thru. Three different sessions around the state. Application process includes a letter of recommendation and a nomination process.

12. **Other business:** Sally Pease discussed a weed to be identified. Beaugard. Decided most they can do is post sign. Working on grant for Barnes next week. Sand bar lake is not as bad with milfoil as they thought however patch at Tomahawk is very resistant so hopefully will be able to get harvester boat out and get some divers. Still working on implementing protocol.

13. **Next meeting date:** Wednesday, February 28, 2018 at 9 AM, in Conference Room A in Bayfield County Courthouse. Future AIS meeting dates: May 23rd, Aug 29th, Nov. 28th. Meeting time will change from 8AM to 9AM for future meetings to allow for a more convenient time for members to arrive at the meeting.

14. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 9:22am. **Krueger / Bussey** - carried.