

ISCCW Board Meeting Minutes

February 16, 2016

USFS District Office, Watersmeet, Michigan

Board Members Present: Jim Donlan, Joe LoMastro, Jeff Pytlarz, David Sherrill, Ken Wendt, Bob Zelinski and Eugene Clark

Guests Present: Lauren Romstad, Diana Mehlhop, Will Buergey and Jen Ricker

The meeting was called to order by ISCCW's president, Jeff Pytlarz at 9:06 am.

There were only seven board members present which did not constitute a quorum.

1. President's Report: Jeff Pytlarz reported that the Michigan Inland Lakes Convention will be held April 28 – 30, 2016 at Boyne Mountain Resort. Also reported was a study being done by Daniel Isermann of UW Stevens Point on the effects on fish of 2,4-D applications. It will be a three year study involving six lakes in Oneida and Vilas Counties, Wisconsin.
2. Vice-President's Report: No report.
3. Treasurer's Report: Our bank balance on January 19, 2016 was \$94,756.23; receipts were \$525.00 in memberships and contributions and \$18,942.67 from the Forest Service Participation Agreement. Disbursements totaled \$415.22. This left a balance on February 16, 2016 of \$113,808.68. A written report with details was circulated to all board members present.
4. Finance Committee: Ken Wendt informed us that the Iron Conservation District MISGP grant proposal was approved on February 11th. The grant is for a total of \$273,900 for work completed over a two- year period (\$152,857 of grant monies and \$121,043 of required matching funds). Our two other partners in this are the Iron Conservation District and Friends of Sylvania. ISCCW's portion of the total grant is \$97,984 which brings us \$58,725 of grant monies with a required match of \$39,259. Details of the grant proposal discussed by Ken included the grant narrative, which highlighted work "Objectives" over the next two years, and the "Methods & Deliverables" pertaining to them. There are two Collective Objectives plus six Terrestrial Objectives and seven Aquatic Objectives. Ken reviewed the time lines on each of the objectives over the two- year period and then broke down the specific tasks and how they will affect our budget. In year one (2016) grant work will consist of lake monitoring at \$15,050; vegetation assessment at \$7,912; EWM management (hand pulling and DASH) at \$5,200; chemical treatment at \$10,000; and permits at \$1,400 for a total of \$39,562. MISGP will pay \$21,500 and ISCCW will do a match of \$18,062. In year two (2017) the grant will pay for lake monitoring at \$14,450; EWM management (hand pulling and DASH) at \$5,200; chemical treatment at \$8,500; permits at \$1,000; educator costs at \$10,620 and boat wash costs of \$18,652 for a total of \$58, 422. MISGP will pay \$37,225 and ISCCW will do a match of \$21,197. Ken then reviewed the 2016 budget with the grant monies and required grant match added. He explained that since we had already programmed for much of the work covered under the grant, the negative affect on the 2016 budget would be less than \$4,000. An electronic copy of the grant's pertinent

documents can be obtained by e-mail from Ken. No information is available on the RAC grant since the committee has not yet met.

5. Membership Committee Report: Eugene Clark informed the group that that ISCCW has 329 members paid up through 2016 and two non-member donors donating a total of \$25,415.00
 - a. To date, 127 members from 2015 have not yet renewed. Renewals continue to come in to our P.O. Box. Snail mail reminders will go out in March.
 - b. Eugene Clark thanked Diana Melhop for her 10 years of service and helping with the transition making it easy. All materials are now in Eugene's possession and he will be the Membership committee chair as well as Vice-President in the future.
 - c. This month's report includes the year to date report for 2016.
6. Education/PR Committee Report: Jeff Pytlarz reported that he will be interviewing a candidate for Educator/Coordinator on Thursday and is optimistic that she will accept the position. We still have a need for one more boat washer. Larry Grems indicated that he has a possible candidate and will follow through before the next meeting.
7. Many Waters biologist Barb Gajewski was not present but sent in her written report.
 - a. Maggie Williams is the graduate student at MSU working on eDNA sampling completed on surrounding lakes and streams last season. There were many "novel" hits on the results. We should look into re-sampling and re-testing to verify those more unusual results.
 - b. Maggie indicated that assays for zebra mussels and spiny waterflea are quite sensitive and may test positive even if the organism is not actually present but, for example, if a boat that has been exposed to that organism in another lake has been moved to a lake without the presence of that organism.
 - c. The grant covering e-DNA work at MSU has expired but there may be enough money left for limited re-testing.
8. Approval of Reports and Minutes:
 - a. Minutes of the last meeting could not be approved due to lack of quorum
 - b. Likewise, the reports could not be approved.
9. Business Agenda:
 - a. The agenda was informally amended to include the MDNR grant and associated budget revisions into the finance committee report.
10. Public Comments:
 - a. Lauren Romstad of the USFS reported: ISCCW has \$2700.48 left on the GLRI Participating Agreement Modification III. Work has begun on Modification IV for 2016. A spreadsheet was circulated detailing the results for Eurasian Water Milfoil tracking and treatment done in 2015.
 - b. CCROA: No Report
 - c. LVD Tribe: No report
 - d. David Sherrill shared with the group that the Winter edition of "The Michigan Riparian" has some very good article that would be of interest to members of our group.
11. Old Business:

- a. 2016 budget modifications were included in finance committee report.
12. New Business:
- a. MDNR grant was discussed under finance committee report
13. Meeting adjourned at 10:50 am. Next meeting March 22, 2016 with e-mail approval from the board.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeff Pytlarz, President