

Northwoods Weed Initiative
Meeting Minutes
Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center
01-22-2004

Attendees: Tom Cogger, Ben Dufford, Kristy Maki, John Markus, Steven Spickerman, Wendy Stein, Pam Troxell

***Poster Update**

According to Pam, the edits suggested at the last meeting were incorporated into the posters. She is waiting for images with better resolution from Miles. Once the images are incorporated she will get the documents to Miles for printing.

***Curriculum**

Pam brought a copy of the lesson plans developed by Clayton Russell's class at Northland College. The plans are for pre-kindergarten to 2nd grade, 3rd to 5th grade, and two for middle school.

Discussed what the next step might be with the lesson plans. *Kristy, Steven, and Miles will review for biological content - get edits to Pam the week of 2/9/2004. Pam will make a contact with CESA to determine how to package/integrate into school system.*

***Management Plan Update**

The majority of the meeting was spent reviewing the draft Management Plan. Miles is maintaining the original document. *Wendy will get hardcopy notes to Miles to incorporate into that document.*

***Miscellaneous**

- Wendy reported that Mike Kroenke asked if our group would be interested in training people to attend Superior Days and/or attend the event in Madison (invasive species awareness is a focus this year). Questions were raised about this being considered lobbying. Wendy will talk to Mike about this.
- Mike Kroenke invited Wendy to attend the Lake Superior Partnership meeting the evening of 1/22/04. She is unable to attend and no one else was available.
- Steven wrote an article on NWI and submitted it to the Forest Service Regional Office in Milwaukee. The Regional Office was looking for information on projects with diverse partners. The article could result in a visit from the Chief of the Forest Service and/or the Secretary of Agriculture.
- Welcome to Ben Dufford—Wetlands Project Coordinator for ABDI Land Conservation Department.
- No word yet on the Great Lakes Coastal Program grant application (submitted late December). Quita Sheehan has taken a job with the DNR so will be unable to fill the Coordinator position if we do get funding. Ben offered to check on additional funding sources.

-Best wishes and a big“thank-you”to John Markus for his participation. John is retiring from the UW-Extension in early February.

***Next meeting**

Thursday, February 24, 2004, 9:00 a.m. at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center (1st floor multi-purpose room).

Agenda topics: Review Management Plan updates
 Lesson Plan update
 Poster status
 Other topics?

Wendy Stein
Notetaker