

WHIP Minutes

9am on Thursday, November 21, 2024 via Zoom

Members Present: Quita Sheehan, Rod Sharka, Tom Boisvert, Nicole Shutt, Tracy Beckman, Michele Sadauskas, Todd Starling, Steven Garske, Annie Schenkoske

Guests: Ann Mawicke, , Beckie Gaskill **Staff:** Rosie Page

Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 9:03am by Michele Sadauskas. She welcomed the group and stated our time goal of 1.5 hours.

Introductions - Those present introduced themselves and explained how they're affiliated with WHIP.

Approve Agenda - Motion by Sharka/Boisvert to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried.

Approve minutes from November 2023: Shutt/Boisvert moved to approve the minutes with Sharka's name corrected. Motion Carried.

Financial Report – Instead of describing each grant, the report was put on screen and questions were invited (none). Motion by Sheehan/Sharka to approve the report as presented. Motion Carried.

Report from Officers' Meeting—Michele gave a summary of the officers meeting from two weeks prior, including 1. A switch to two WHIP meetings per year plus a spring workshop, to encourage attendance, and to be scheduled with a group poll, and 2. A change from “steering committee” to using the word partners to ensure everyone knows they are welcome, and 3. Creation of new citizen member positions to invite input from interested individuals. Rosie will prepare a package for next meeting. Bylaws changes were voted to approve (Sheehan/Boisvert).

Revision of WHIP Strategic Plan – Rosie reported receiving feedback and is making the edits to our Strategic Plan from 2016 under our WMA, such as our herbicide work and a 3rd county. This will be brought to the March meeting.

Partner Check In/Public Comment – Attendees shared their work and ideas. There was concern over federal funding possibly changing; Sheehan reported the Vilas Invasive Species Management Plan is complete.

Next Meeting Topics – Sadauskas called for any topics for our March Annual Meeting. Follow up with Rosie if anyone has anything to add.

Adjourn – Beckman/Sharka moved to adjourn at 10:19am.