

U.P. RC&D Council Minutes
UP RC&D Council Teleconference Meeting – September 8, 2017

Board Members Present: Bill Rice-Dickinson CD and Darcy Rutkowski-UP RC&D Council Executive Director

Board Members Participating by Teleconference: John Malnar-Delta County Citizen

Others Present or participating by teleconference: Teri Grout-Alger Conservation District and UPRCD staff; Bernie Lang-Menominee County Commissioner; Scott Ala-Houghton County Commissioner; and Theresa Nelson-Delta County Board of Commissioners

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:03 am by Chairman Bill Rice.

Approval of Agenda: There was not a quorum, so the agenda was approved by consensus and no changes were made.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: No action taken.

Financial Reports: The Executive Director (ED) presented the Balance Sheet for August 31, 2017 and the Profit and Loss statement for the period January 1 through August 31, 2017. The combined balance in all accounts as of August 31, 2017 was \$73,297.24.

Business Items:

County Dues Update: County dues request letters and invoices were mailed January 10, 2017. So far we have received dues payments from 12 counties including Delta, Keweenaw, Menominee, Chippewa, Mackinac, Marquette, Houghton, Alger, Gogebic, Baraga, Iron and Schoolcraft. This has not changed since our last meeting. The ED does not anticipate payments from any additional counties.

Potential Grant Applications: The Alger CD applied for an EPA invasive species grant in January that would have essentially continued and expanded on the current phragmites project and funded the same project team. We are pretty certain that we will not be receiving that funding although we have not officially been notified by the EPA yet. We are aware of some other partners who have been notified they tentatively did receive some funding but have been asked not to announce it yet. UPRCD also worked on two pre-proposals to submit to the Michigan Invasive Species Grant Program and both proposals were accepted and requests for full proposals which are due September 18, 2017 were made. These proposals will be submitted by CUPCWMA and WRISC and if funded, will help fulfill the deliverable in our current EPA grant to find local entities which will continue phragmites stewardship activities after our current grant funding ends.

Update on Current Projects: ED provided a summary of all current grant-funded project activities.

Public Comment: Scott Ala mentioned that there is an invasive plant which is filling in Rice Lake. ED will put him in contact with the Coordinator or the Keweenaw Invasive Species Management Area (KISMA) for help.

Correspondence: None.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am.

I certify that these meeting minutes have been approved by a majority of the UP RC&D Council Board members:

Renee Leow, UP RC&D Council Secretary/Treasurer

Date