

U.P. RC&D Council Minutes
UP RC&D Council Office – January 8, 2014

Members Present: Bob Larson and Bob Black -Western UP RC&D; Howard Haulotte & Teri Grout – Central UP RC&D; Darcy Rutkowski-UP RC&D Council Executive Director

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 2:05 pm by Chairman Larson.

1. Discuss UP RC&D Council Meeting Format:

- Continue bi-monthly meetings, alternating between meetings at the Council office in Marquette and teleconference meetings
- Announce meetings to members of the previous 3 regional councils, meeting dates/times on website
- Final decision will be made at next meeting about whether or not to move these meetings to other locations
 - consensus of members present was not to do that
- ED to send draft bylaws to all regional members to seek input, inform them the Council intends to approve these bylaws at meeting on February 7, 2014 at 10 am (teleconference)
- Request input on bylaws by one week prior to meeting (January 31), invite anyone who is interested to join teleconference meeting

2. Set 2014 Meeting Schedule: February 7 (teleconf), April 4 (Mqt), June 6 (teleconf), August 1 (Mqt), October 3 (teleconf), and December 5 (Mqt). All meetings at 10 am Eastern time.

3. RC&D GeoLab: There was no interest in partnering with the RC&D GeoLab, or in receiving any additional information about it. ED will notify this organization to remove us from mailing list.

4. Set up Finance Committee Meeting: Committee needs to meet and develop a draft budget for 2014. ED will communicate with members Black and Fazer by email to set a meeting. Larson recommends Finance Comm. establish protocols for review of VISA charges.

5. New Sustain Our Great Lakes (SOGL) grant opportunity: This is the funding source for majority of our invasive plant grant-funded work. ED will see if current phragmites project steering team will assist in putting together another grant to continue phragmites work. Putting this proposal together, and supervising the new AmeriCorps member, will account for all of ED time between now and proposal due date of 2-18-14. Board encouraged ED to apply for additional funding.

Meeting adjourned (BB/TG) at 3:00 pm