



1. Call to Order: 9:04

2. Roll Call

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a. Tribal Representatives

- i. **Bad River** - Jessica Strand & Loretta Livingston *Jessica needs to leave at 10:30 and will be back afterward*
- ii. **FCPC** - Absent
- iii. **Ho-Chunk** - Randy Poelma *Randy will only be available from 9-10:15 and 2-3:30*
- iv. **LCO** - Absent
- v. **LdF** - Absent Ethan Sennett joined at 10 am
- vi. **Menominee** - Jeremy Pyaskowit
- vii. **Mole Lake**- Tina Van Zile and Nathan Podany
- viii. **Oneida** - Absent
- ix. **Red Cliff** - Absent – Gabby VanBergen joined at 10 am
- x. **St. Croix** - Absent
- xi. **Stockbridge** - Paul Koll and Kellie Zahn
- xii. **No Quorum at the opening**

b. **WTCAC Staff:** Jeff Mears, Lacey Hill Kastern, Jon Pruitt, Tom Melnarik, Keith Sengbusch, Jerry Thompson

c. **Partners:** Kira Kauffman (USFS), Angela Biggs (NRCS), Sunny Lucas (USFS), Chris Borden (NRCS), Eric Oliphant (BIA), Katie Demrow (FSA), Shelly Allness (WDNR), Ashly Andre (DATCP), Albany Jacobson Eckert (BIA), Melissa Bartz (NRCS), Deahn DonnerWright (USF), Pat Groggin (WLP), Paul Winters (EPA), Christopher Deegan (APHIS-PPQ), Katie B. (WWA), Bill Barker (CALs), Dan Cornelius (IAC) joined at 10:30

3. **Approval of the Agenda:** Stockbridge (Paul Koll) motions, Ho-Chunk (Randy Poelma) seconds, four ayes, 0 objections

- a. Two changes: Need to move Angela Biggs (NRCS) up to present before 10 o'clock; change vice president election to nomination

4. **Approval of the Minutes:** Menominee (Jeremy P.) motions, Ho-Chunk (Randy P.) seconds, five ayes, 0 objections

5. **Agency Updates:**

a. **Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) General Update**

- i. Regional Tribal Advisory Council Meeting has not met since COVID, but Angela says they are trying to get a virtual meeting



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- scheduled; received applications for new representatives this year, and submitted names to acting NRCS Chief for approval
- ii. MOA for Region and National level is still under review nationally
  - iii. NRCS is operating under continuing resolution to December 7 though they have a partial allocation for after that date; EQIP reduced overall but want to keep \$500,000 available under EQIP for Tribes for use in several rounds of funding until used; Chris and Melissa to discuss more later
  - iv. NRCS has had a lot of staffing/hiring in last FY, filling 40 positions across the State; there is a couple of additional hiring activities going on this year
  - v. Pathway Program applications are being evaluated right now for the summer of 2021; if not all positions filled, then there will be another round of hiring in January; good candidates are in the review process
  - vi. USDA did get approval for Farm Production, and Conservation Area Program (NRCS, FSA, and Risk Management) will be hiring folks for these positions with this program (17 positions in WI); hiring might be done by direct hire; focus will be on soil conservationist; appreciate our assistance on getting the word out on vacancies
    - 1. Jerry asked where he can find information about the positions? Angela doesn't have them yet, expect it to happen in December and will share it then; asks that if we have someone who would be interested in sharing their contact information with her, MELissa, or Chris before then
  - vii. budget is looking ok, but it isn't where Angela wants it to be for EQIP, but they might be able to go after additional national funds in the future
- b. Wisconsin Wetlands Association - Katie Beilfuss (*Didn't start recording until 9:26 whoops*)**
- i. Filmed video in October and production is currently underway-- expecting the final draft to share by the end of the year; the opportunity to debut these videos at the February science conference
  - ii. Still waiting to hear from FCPA to help support Tribal participating this year in their science conference; will be able to



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fund more staff because it is virtual this year; meeting from 2/16-2/18 this year

iii. Wetland Science Conference information:

<https://conference.wisconsinwetlands.org/>

iv. The conference will feature a special symposium on hydrologic restoration, including a presentation by Aja DeCoteau from the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission.

v. Key presenter details at

<https://conference.wisconsinwetlands.org/speakers/>

**c. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) - Paul Winters**

i. EPA has a lot of new staff in the Water Division, especially in technical roles

**d. Farm Service Agency - Katie Demrow**

i. ArcPLC and CFAP2 sign-ups currently; interested people should reach out to their county programs if they are interested in signing up

ii. CRP: [https://www.fsa.usda.gov/Assets/USDA-FSA-Public/usdafiles/FactSheets/2019/conservation-reserve\\_program-fact\\_sheet.pdf](https://www.fsa.usda.gov/Assets/USDA-FSA-Public/usdafiles/FactSheets/2019/conservation-reserve_program-fact_sheet.pdf)

iii. ARC/PLC: [https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/arcplc\\_program/index](https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/arcplc_program/index)

iv. CFAP 2: <https://www.farmers.gov/cfap>

CFAP 2 Office Hours Call-In Session:

What: Stakeholder Office Hours (organizations only, please)

When: 3 pm Central on Friday, November 20, 2020, and Friday, December 4, 2020

Where: Conference call at 888-844-9904, 5939335#.

v. Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) sign-ups are going to open soon and are competitive; Katie would be happy to set up a meeting with state specialist if anyone wants to know more

**e. Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council - no representative**

**f. Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service - PPQ - Chris D. ppt**

i. FY2020 Review Presentation

1. COVID disrupted normal operations

2. Unusual activities: Unsolicited foreign seed packets, tomato brown rugose fruit virus, *Ralstonia solanacearum* (r3b2) on imported geraniums, Asian longhorned beetle in



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- South Carolina, Deregulated pine shoot beetles and emerald ash borer; EAB biocontrol, spotted lanternfly
3. Routine PPQ WI surveys in 2020: Asian Gypsy Moth (AGM) is a new concern that spreads more rapidly. Usually, the source is foreign shipping vessels, and there are several ports in WI where they do trapping to detect possible occurrences, negative so far, determine the difference from European Gypsy Moth is determined via DNA; *Cerceris* biosurveillance (native predatory wasp) is done by citizen science volunteers, wasp goes after metallic boring beetles like EAB and other non-natives so they find wasp nests to survey for different species of concerns they might be eating, most work in Stevens Point but looking for more volunteers throughout the State; velvet longhorn beetles that were found in furniture in 5 sites in 2016 but all areas are negative in 2020 when surveilled with very effective new lure developed; Khapra beetle is a stored grain pest that devastates grain in other parts of the world--don't have it in the US yet but keeping an eye out for it at organic soybeans and corn sites that are imported from counties with known sources
  4. Unsolicited foreign seed packets were received throughout WI, and packages contained different varieties of seeds, citizens turned them into Madison PPQ office, seeds received in June/July, DATCP created an online reporting site and news media picked up the story; investigated whether they concerned any seeds of concerns, most common varieties of fruits and vegetables and flowers, but there were a few of noxious weeds and had some had a beetle; they worked with Amazon and Customs to shut down seed sales platform, still getting some seed packets now
  5. Tomato brown rugose fruit virus - detected post of entry but not found in WI; some tomatoes go to Canada from Mexico and then trucked into the US; increase inspection and certification of testing; sampled seedlings producers in WI for peppers and tomatoes and there were no detections in WI



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6. Ralstonia is a concern because the disease could be widespread and devastating; it was found at a major production facility, and all customers were contacted, and the disease was eradicated from 25 greenhouses in WI
7. Asian Longhorn Beetle - long time since detected in the US, but new detection in South Carolina port city; homeowner reported it and 58.6 miles quarantine, 3000 trees to be removed, usually can eradicate it; only infestations left in OH, NJ, and SC
8. The deregulated pine shoot beetle was federally deregulated in October, but several states continue to regulate it. There hasn't been much of an economic impact from this as they expected; EAB deregulation is almost done, but management will continue, WDNR is continuing to release biocontrol wasps; looking for more sites for EAB biocontrol, so contact Chris Deegan if there are sites that could be used
9. Spotted lanternfly - eradication program the APHIS is providing funding for; not found in WI yet, but lay eggs on anything (rail cars, campers, etc.) which can move it great distances
10. Cooperative Agreement Funding provided in FY19 \$800K total, FY20 \$835K total, FY21 \$1.4M total; WTCAC has gotten a lot of this funding over the years in either pest survey and detection category or the outreach and capacity building category
11. APHIS-Tribal Capacity Building - working on increasing this work and the focus on emergency response planning and ag pest/disease response MOUs; planning training for 2021 in late summer and early fall and may be available virtually
  - a. Jerry shares that they put together a draft 1-page questionnaire on emergency response workshop; would like tribal feedback on this form; Jerry wants to send it out for feedback before December 1
12. Spotted-wing Drosophila biocontrol proposal - want to release parasitic wasp to control this fruit fly which is a crop pest; sent letters to Tribal governments within the last



couple of week and asked for Tribal consultation (cc'd copies to WTCAC Board Members in WI Tribal NR Managers)

- a. Jeff asked Christopher for a copy to include in the minutes

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**g. Army Corps of Engineers - no representative**

**h. Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) - Eric Oliphant & Albany Jacobson-Eckert**

- i. Eric: There was a tribal leader letter that went out on 11/9/20 for CRP1 appropriations, and there was an exception proportionment for this year; TPA programs should get the full dollar amount for FY21 that they got in FY20, which means one allocation to Tribe, but once a final FY21 budget is passed then funding might get a rescission request
- ii. Albany: There will be a December 2 GLRI Tribal Forum hosted by BIA & EPA, including BIA PRogram update on Distinct Tribal PRogram and finalization of the framework; there will also be select tribal presentations on GLRI projects; GLRI RFP should go out in early December with a deadline in mid-February; RFP for other Wildlife and Parks went out in late October with a deadline in January; the deadline for Noxious Weed funding is 12/16
- i. College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALs) - Bill Barker -**
  - i. successful summer program wrapped up; increased COVID cases amongst faculty and students right now (there is a COVID dashboard on the internet), after thanksgiving all classes will be online
  - ii. <https://covidresponse.wisc.edu/dashboard/>
  - iii. <https://news.wisc.edu/native-november-in-new-first-year-interest-group-students-connect-with-the-land-through-indigenous-lens/>
- j. Dept. of Ag, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP) - Ashley Andre**
  - i. I just finished a third meeting of the WI Agriculture Youth Council; expect more recruitment next summer and get some tribal youth involved. Wisconsin Agriculture Youth Council: [https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/About\\_Us/AgYouthCouncil.aspx](https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/About_Us/AgYouthCouncil.aspx) ;
  - ii. There will be an upcoming public comment period and hearing on Thursday, December 10 at 1 pm over Zoom on Hemp Emergency



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- Rule; Ashley can provide notice once the announcement is published
  - iii. Trying to encourage the local purchase of evergreens over the holidays to minimize pest import into WI on wreaths and trees. Elongate Hemlock Scale:  
[https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/News\\_Media/20201117EHS.aspx](https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/News_Media/20201117EHS.aspx)
  - iv. DATCP mental health resources: mental health and wellness resources for veterinarians and farmers/ag professionals/medical providers to minimize stress and suicide in rural communities. Farmer Mental Wellness Multi-State Effort:  
[https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/News\\_Media/FarmCenterNIFAGrant.aspx](https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/News_Media/FarmCenterNIFAGrant.aspx)
  - v. New Deputy Director will be joining DATCP next week
  - vi. Contact information: Ashley Andre, DATCP, ashley.andre@wisconsin.gov, (608) 220-5067
  - vii. Veterinary Professional Assistance Program:  
[https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/News\\_Media/VPAPMentalHealthWellnessResourcesVeterinarians.aspx](https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/News_Media/VPAPMentalHealthWellnessResourcesVeterinarians.aspx)
- k. The US Forest Service (USFS) - Kiera Kaufmann & Sunny Lucas**
- i. Kiera: doing permits online for Christmas trees and Christmas wreaths (4th & 5th graders can get them for free); shared 2021 Youth program information with WTCAC; CNNF is still interested in partnering on stream crossings;
    - 1. MOA with 11 Chippewa Tribes, the meeting discussed climate change impacts on maple, etc. and future research; how to quantify the value of forest aside from stumpage and USFS will provide more information on this; NRS provided updates on their research; discussed pathways program for students - looking for college sophomores for this program; working on a cooperative agreement for law enforcement; update on actions under Great America Outdoors Act and what future projects may be, will talk more with Tribes;
  - ii. Sunny: December 11 CWMA proposals are due. Website for more information is: There is a 20% match requirement. If applying, reach out to Dennis McDougal and Sheila Johnson out of St Paul's office. That is all she has from State and private.



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- iii. GLRI CWMA website - <https://www.fs.usda.gov/naspf/working-with-us/grants/great-lakes-restoration-initiative-cooperative-weed-management-areas-request-proposals>. Forest Service St. Paul Field Office contacts [Dennis.McDougall@usda.gov](mailto:Dennis.McDougall@usda.gov) or [Sheela.Johnson@usda.gov](mailto:Sheela.Johnson@usda.gov)

**l. Intertribal Agriculture Council (IAC) -**

- i. The annual conference is coming up in the second week of December. They just posted the schedule. IAC is a membership-based organization, but all tribes have voting privileges, and they are waiving the \$200 fee, and all a Tribe needs is a resolution from the Tribe to become a voting member at the meetings
- ii. Gave a shout-out to the Red Cliff Fish Company that was started by a value-added producer grant.
- iii. IAC can assist with a cash match for this type of opportunities
- iv. IAC hired Colby Duren from the IFAI and formerly NCAI as our policy director who will be based in DC to lead advocacy efforts on the Farm Bill and other efforts

**m. National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) - Absent**

**n. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) -**

- i. Chris gave a presentation giving an overview of the history between NRCS and WTCAC.
- ii. Federal Trust Responsibilities are taking very seriously by USDA.
- iii. There are quite a few executive orders and departmental regulations, and some of these foundational documents should be included on the website. Lacey and Chris will follow up on this. USDA Departmental Regulation 1350-02 (January 2013)
- iv. Jerry also provided an overview of the rulemaking process that came after the passage of the farm bill.
- v. TCACs are in NRCS policy and are analogous to the state technical committees. Identify emerging natural resources concerns and program needs. Recommend conservation practice standards and specifications.
- vi. Successful outcomes: WTCAC EQIp fund pool, improving technical and financial incentives, promote emerging opportunities, facilitating formal consultation with tribal elected leaders, facilitating USDA networking with Tribes and Tribal organizations, assistance with NRCS staff training, farm bill input, increased Tribal conservation planning capacity, tribal staff





knowledge of agency programs leads to increased Tribal participation.

vii. Chris will add more detail to the PowerPoint and send it out.

**o. Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement (OPPE) - Absent**

**p. Rural Development (RD) - Absent**

**q. Central Regional Tribal Conservation Advisory Council (CRTCAC) - Absent**

**r. Risk Management Agency (RMA) - Mark is unable to attend**

**s. Northern Institute Applied Climate Science - Southern Forest Climate**

**Field Guide - Stephen Handler.** No presentation, just a quick update.

NIACS is a climate change help desk for groups and organizations in the Northern region. GLIFWC is part of the NIACS steering committee.

NIACS is putting together a resource pocket guide or field guide for Southern WI forests, and though this would interest some of the Tribes.

They are also working with WICCI and brainstorming potential ways to adapt. They have a companion Northern WI document.

**t. US Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) - Absent**

**u. WI Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) - Shelley Allness**

i. They are heading into State Deer hunting season, collecting CWD samples. The emphasis this year is going to be Northern and North East Wisconsin this year. Offering assistance to the Tribes. Kiosks and dumpsters are available

ii. Enbridge reroutes proposal - the agency is working on EIA. Work is ongoing, and they do have a hired consulting assisting with that EIS development. Trying to hold them every other month but will be having them more often.

iii. Summer Tribal Youth Program a message was just recently sent out by Shelley. We are all seeing some economic effects, and the State is not excluded from this. Still able to offer the grant, but it will be about \$4000 less for each award this year. We won't know for another year if we need to keep that reduced amount or not. It is still a good chunk of money, and there has been a lot of success with the program. New grant administrator Chrissy Kosak, Beth is retiring this week.

iv. Mining - Review of draft mining proposal is ongoing. Many Tribes are participating in the review process. Larry Lynch is leading the process. Thank you for all the comments submitted so far. These are not easy statutes or rules to review, and we appreciate the

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input. These will head to Natural Resource Board in December. Larry will continue to provide legislative updates. Will there be a response to the comments submitted. Shelley is going to check with Larry on that.

- v. The State is working on updating the Walleye management plan. Encourage consultation this. GLIFWC is actively involved in this process. Shelley will send milestone updates.
- vi. Wolf delisting big topic, but the State does not know a whole lot yet. State has management authority starting January 4. They are reviewing the delisting proposal right now and will be presenting it to the Governor's office. Once the State takes over management authority, that will allow the State to work with farmers again on depredation issues. The State will issue farmers permits to protect livestock and also work with landowners on abatement measures. Are unsure if there will be a hunting season. State law says that the State is required to have a hunting season. Starting the first Saturday in November, the State will have a harvest season. They are unsure if the season will begin in January or wait until November of 2021. There is a long way to go in a short time frame on all of this, and shelly will continue to keep everyone updated. Hopefully, this will open the door for how the Tribes have a voice on wolf management in the State. They are also discussing the restructuring of the wolf advisory committee. This is a high priority for the administration right now.
- v. **Wisconsin Lakes Partnerships (WLP)** - Pat Goggin sent the Lake Tides newsletter to Jeff to distribute. This will get included with the minutes. He was still working on pulling together Wisconsin Water Week that was mentioned at the last meeting. He will be in contact with WTCAC staff to participate in the Wednesday event. A new project with Lake Nicaragua. He will have more information about what this will look like at the December meeting.
- w. **USDA - Christopher Ester, Stream Crossings and Inventory** - Provided a briefer presentation that was also provided to the WTCAC fisheries committee on the stream crossing inventory. Presentation is recorded and can be provided to anyone who missed it.
  - i. Stream crossings are a merger of multiple practices.
  - ii. Inventory is needed to know how to prioritize where work needs to be done.



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- iii. Lidar hillshade maps can help with inventory to identify old logging roads and railroad grades. This is for step one.
- iv. Step two is to collect the essential factors that include the likelihood of failure, the consequences of failure, and the current impacts on resources.
- v. 48-page instruction document on great lakes stream crossing inventories. They also recommend using the Survey 123 app. It's free!
- vi. Talk to Mike Rubley if interested or Chris Ester (715-651-8131) [christopher.ester@usda.gov](mailto:christopher.ester@usda.gov)
- vii. Chris is unsure about what is happening on the Bad River Reservation, but NWRPC is prioritizing the 4 northern counties
- viii. Ecological Culvert Design, including stream simulation design, is a concept where you build the stream appropriately and then put a lid over it
- ix. Road stream crossing collaborative - have annual design workshops, put on annual field tours, and offer training.
  - 1. The annual workshop should be virtual this year in February(ish). In 2022 it will be in Ashland
  - 2. November 30 culvert design workshop
- x. Tom Melnarik says he will be reaching out to individual Tribes about helping with these crossing inventories on the Reservations if the Tribal Councils approve of WTCAC help
- xi. Nathan Podany gives a good review of working with Mike Robley

**Break for Lunch from 12 pm until 1 pm.**

**Afternoon attendance:** WTCAC (Tom Melnarik, Lacey Hill Kastern, Keith Sengbush, Jeff Mears, Jerry Thompson, Jon Pruitt), Melissa Bartz & Chris Borden (NRCS), Nathan Podany & Tina VanZile (Mole Lake), Patrick Goggin, Ethan Sennett (LdF), Gabby VanBergen (Red Cliff), Jeremy Pyaskowit (Menominee), Jessica Strand and Loretta Livingston (Bad River), Paul Koll & Kellie Zahn (Stockbridge), Kira Kauffman (USFS), Patrick Goggin (WLP), Erin Hoffman (Innovative Funding), Bill Barker (CALs), RANdy Poelma (Stockbridge)

**6. WTCAC Business Meeting**

**a. NRCS Updates & EQIP: Melissa and Chris**



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- i. Forester is staying in CA permanently after temporary assignment--they will need to fill this new vacancy
  - ii. EQIP Cookbook published today; CART software should be more efficient and responsive for applications this year
    1. the application deadline is tomorrow; if not all of WTCAC allocation is utilized, there will be another sign-up in the spring
    2. Chris says that the five tribal nations with applications don't so far reach \$500K
    3. Plan now for spring sign-up--reach out to NRCS
  - iii. Field offices are working on Conservation Stewardship Practice payments; looking at CSP renewals with a ranking deadline by early December and allocated in February
    1. if Tribe is interested in CSP, the first thing to do is update Farm Records; there will be a lot of GIS support from NRCS for this
  - iv. NRCS GIS Specialist Kent Pena left
- b. Conservation Collaboration - Tom Melnarik & Jon Pruitt**
- i. followed up with LCO on training on surveying and hatchery operations, other LCO staff also participated in this training in early November
  - ii. Thinks that the culvert inventory is another opportunity for WTCAC to help Tribes that might be interested; right now, the database is public, and not sure if the Tribe's data would be private yet
  - iii. Jon is waiting on feedback on the report from Jeff and the board before publishing it in late December
  - iv. Jon is still training in NRCS CART to help with EQIP sign-ups for Tribes
  - v. December 10 - Steve Eggers presentation on NWI; Jon will be sending out an invitation for this by tomorrow afternoon at the latest
- c. Tracking Matrix- Tom Melnarik & Keith Sengbusch**
- i. this has not changed since the last meeting; Tom & Keith will be meeting with Chris to get updates onto the tracking matrix
  - ii. Chris wants to ensure that NRCS will be looking into whether CSP protected areas can be used for ACOE mitigation



- iii. Jerry mentions that Farm to School updates should be added (information on the Facebook page)

**d. Sub-Committee Updates**

**i. Agriculture - Kellie Zahn/Jerry Thompson**

1. Kellie reached out to Ashley (DTCAP) about their new Secretary, and they will be having a short meeting with them in December, likely
2. Jerry sent out information discussed earlier today about the assessment sheet for Emergency Management training, etc. with DATCP
  - a. The next meeting is on December 1 to review the assessment sheet
  - b. Asks who from Tribe is the best contact for these assessment sheets and the training that are needed
3. Looking for replacements for members on the agriculture subcommittee (lost two people recently); not sure about adding members from outside of WTCAC too? **Need direction from WTCAC Reps on this idea**
  - a. Jerry also mentions a lady from LCO UW Ext: **Sue Menzel**
  - b. Loretta does like the thought of Joy Shelby (UWEX) on the agriculture subcommittee
4. Jerry is a member of the DATCP food advisory council
5. Looking to set a date in December for the next subcommittee meeting
  - a. It would be nice to hear and share what is going on agriculturally at different tribes--just a small 10-minute update or so to build relationships
  - b. Tina likes this idea for Tribes to learn from each other
6. Jerry summarized 2501 Training Program activities on a single page (it was sent out earlier), and he wants to know if anyone is interested in any of them, and he'll start building a list of training

**ii. Fisheries - Tom Melnarik**

1. meeting on 11/17/20 focusing on investigating Iron issues at LCO and St. Croix hatcheries with ACOE staff participating; there have been pilot studies in different areas

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on this issue; there are things to try, and ACOE has some follow-up items for WTCAC

2. After the iron issue, others talked about different things that hatchery managers have been experiencing in the last couple of years; a lot of safety issues discussed

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**iii. Forestry - Paul Koll & Lacey Hill Kastern**

1. they have been working EAB web series that they are planning for the end of January through February 2021; they have six weeks of webinars setup
  - a. Lacey shared her screen to show the draft agenda for this
  - b. The next meeting is at nine am on December 1 if anyone wants to discuss planning
  - c. Tina/Paul/Jeff to do introduction at each

**iv. Wetlands - no update**

**v. Wildlife - Lacey Hill Kastern**

1. Three meetings so far that is heated with Wolf Delisting; trying to focus on goals and objectives for subcommittee (it's new)
2. Great so far for sharing resources and talking about what everyone is due
3. The next meeting is on December 15 @ 10 am
4. Plan on talking about CWD after this hunting season closes

**e. USDA Farm to School Grant - Erin Hoffman**

- i. link from Erin:
- ii. application for grant opportunity Due 1/8/21
- iii. the project is designed to be community-based, so it might be more appropriate for Tribe or tribal organization to apply
- iv. trying to get more farm food in schools; opportunity zones include LdF and LCO areas, though other Tribes could apply
- v. there is a 25% match requirement
- vi. there have been changes to this program from last years grant, two types of awards:
  1. turnkey grant (producer training, action planning, and edible garden, agriculture education curriculum, edible garden project); producer training is only eligible for states, but other areas are eligible to Tribes
  2. Implementation Grant



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vii. Jerry asks Erin if she knows how to find the previous Farm to School training

**f. WTCAC Monthly Meeting Schedule 2021 - Jeff Mears**

- i. Want to schedule the next six months of monthly meetings (January - June)
- ii. Could we incorporate EAB training as [part of the January and February board meetings? No one seems to have a problem with this--shorten agency updates and have no presentations as part of regular WTCAC meeting

**g. WTCAC Board Vice-President Nomination (election in December) - Tina VanZile**

- i. there is a vacancy in the Vice President position since Tina moved up to President; Tina wants other Tribes to consider nominating someone; PAT did express he would do it if anyone else did not
- ii. Want to vote on this at December 17th meeting (would need a quorum for this meeting in the afternoon)

**h. Director Tasks - Jeff MEars**

- i. will work on setting up a meeting with USFS
- ii. will work with Chris Borden to get information on Google Drive
- iii. will work Tina on board meeting format and agenda
- iv. will work on an agreement draft that Tribes could be back to their Council for the stream inventory work since data would be public
- v. Erin asks if financials should go onto Google Drive? Right now, access is limited to board members.

**i. Executive Session - Nathan Podany & Tina VanZile (Mole Lake), Jessica Strand (Bad River), Gabrielle VanBeren (Red Cliff), Randy Poelma (Ho-Chunk) Kellie Zahn & Paul Koll (Stockbridge-Munsee) - No Quorum, Only 5 Tribes**

- i. still went over financial reports

**Adjourned at 2:18 pm Central**

**Next Meeting: December 17, 2020, 9 am**

**Minutes submitted by Jessica Strand, WTCAC Secretary on 2020-12-16**