

SLELO- January 25, 2010

Attendance: Irene Mazzochi, Chris Adriance, Ian Warden, Sarah Welsh, Jennifer Craddick, Katie Malinowski, Glen Roberts, Chris Lajewski, Sandy Bonanno, Gerry Smith, Sue Gwise, Bonnie Parton, Rayrainbolt

1. Irene has \$6,200 to spend on invasive species management, or she will lose the money. She asked for suggestions on how to spend the money. It was decided that the money would be best spent on supplies for invasive plant management. Irene has a list and if you have any suggestion, let her know by *this Friday* (Jan. 26).
2. Irene gave an update on last week's statewide PRISM call. Chuck O'Neill would like our top 3 outreach needs that he can assist us with. It was decided to update our current brochures and print additional copies. Irene will talk to Chuck about what is doable.
3. We would like to continue with our series of brochures, but there are a lot of good brochures already out- rather than duplicate these, Save the River will compile a list of existing publications so that we can develop brochures on topics that are not already in publication.
4. SLELO will also team up with Save the River to do a program targeting river area volunteers and property owners. Save the River will get back to us as per topics and if they want speakers, publications, powerpoints, etc. The program will take place in May or June.
5. We also discussed a possible Hogweed field training and developing more educational displays.
6. Irene and Chris gave an update on the GLRI proposal.
7. Chris gave an update on TNC projects and grant proposals for 2010.
8. Chris and Irene gave an update on the SLELO Coordinator status. The contract is in budget dept., which is the final step. Is that a light I see at the end of the tunnel? We are hoping that someone can be on board this summer????
9. We discussed whether to send a letter of support for GLRI funding for swallow-wort control at Wehle. Although any attention we can get for swallow-wort is good, this proposal is expensive (500K) and uses mechanical methods that are questionable and untested. In the end we decided to send in a letter of support and with the recommendation that herbicides also be used for control. Sue will put together a letter.
10. Gerry suggested that SLELO be involved in "environmental days" in Clayton sponsored by TILT. The event will be in June. Perhaps we could offer speakers or a display. Sue will contact TILT.
11. Next meeting- Monday, February 22 from 10 to 12 at CCE.