Texas Gulf Region
Cooperative Weed Management Area
Meeting Agenda
Monday, October 22, 2018
2:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Location: Nature Preserve Headquarters, 106 Cut Off Rd., Port Aransas

In Attendance:
Scott Cross (Nueces Co. Parks)
Bill Green (TAMFS)
Beau Hardegree (USFWS)
Kendal Keyes (TPWD)
Hans Landel (Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center)
Rosario Martinez (CBBEP)
Colleen Simpson (City of Port Aransas)
Katie Swanson (MA-NERR)
Daniel McLendon (American Conservation Experience)
Camille Galbreath
Callan Price
Rick Tinnin
Kristy Hewitt
Bill Behrens

Meeting began around 2:00 pm.

Updates on Current and Upcoming Funding
1. CMP
   a. Scott: $5,000 for ACE.
   b. Rosario: will be submitting $40,000 CMP -- treat more, + coordinator. Still need matching. Will hear back in summer.
      i. Rosario asked if GOMESA money form Scott can be used as match for CMP, and Scott says yes.
   c. Scott wrote a letter of support, for the County Assessor. Wanted to provide support; has had to go to county property, wants to try to get it so money can go to CWMA in general.
   d. Use GOMESA funds for education/outreach publications.
2. ACE: can't take credit for private funding.

Updates on Future Funding Opportunities
1. GLO
   a. $40.5 million.
   b. Technical Advisory Council meeting this Thursday. Will be presenting their plan. Perhaps Scott and Beau will be able to attend.
2. FWS
   a. There is about $2000 for outreach.
   b. Contractor will invoice for retreatments as they do the retreatments.
c. Future round of funding: can be used on any property.

Building Partnerships
1. Forest Smith: Texas Native Grass program. South Texas grasses, South Texas Natives. Work on partnering with them.
2. Tony Falk: KR needs to be growing for chemicals to work. Mow, then treat after a week with imazapyr (foliar), then monthly glyphosate. Retreat with imazapyr in 3-4 months.
   a. May run up against annual limits on application
3. San Jose Island – Katie has contacts
4. AEP, TxDOT: Kendal. Fell away.
   a. Scott: there must be someone with regional responsibility who could make BPT a priority.
   b. Colleen has contacts with AEP
5. Hans: Should do/incorporate research into restoration work.

Updates on treatment areas/workdays
1. There was a bit of discussion on BPT on St. Joseph Island (north of Port Aransas). No clear decision.
2. A gentleman attending the meeting suggested we parcel out a menu of items, Public or Private. $ amount? For example, ACE: 1 wk, 2 wk, 3 wk, etc. of treatment.
3. It was noted that the CWMA needs to re-map, to see where we stand now. Need some new aerial images. Some discussion as to how to get the images. Satellite? Mike Storek can fly to get images (Conrad Blucher Institute).
   a. Katie can ask.
4. Paradise Pond
   a. The developer is cooperative and wants to help. Is willing to sell the six properties next to the pond to the city at a reduced rate.
   b. BPT is now cleared from the pond.
   c. Colleen will not replant until all BPT are gone. Also, the pond and soil are still salty, so some of the plants aren’t doing well. Will continuing planting when the soil tests reveal that the soil is good.
5. Sewage Treatment Plant
   a. The debris has been cleared, with the BPT, and replanting with natives has proceeded.
6. Katie has a map/imagery of work.
7. Kleberg Property
   a. ACE is working there.
   b. They treat, then let it die, then burn.
   c. Oil company is looking to do some environmental work, with the County.

Future Projects and Events
1. Will discuss at a later date what we'll do at the Whooping Crane Festival.

New Business
1. Colleen met a videographer who is interested in producing a video. YouTube or Local TV.

Wrap up and Schedule the Next Meeting
1. Whooping Crane Festival is Feb 22-25, 2019.
2. Feb. 21: morning workday, afternoon Meeting 2pm-4pm.

Meeting ended around 4:15.

Notes take by HL.