

## Present:

- See sign-in sheet

## Pulling Together Initiative:

- Everyone has matched, except city. Scott Cross still needs to get numbers to Katie. Katie needs numbers from city for burn (David). Financial report due in two weeks.
- Grant reports needed end of March

## Management Plan Update

- 5-year plan, review annually to make changes & think about funding.
- Short-term Goals:
  - Katie edits.
    - Removed last point of #1 because can only work on public lands; Beau wants to keep the point, for future. Katie mentions that the plan is to look for funding for private land.
  - Scott C needs to get Katie a plant list
- [new CMP grant – Rosario submitted. Plan is to completely clear Charlie's Pasture; see below]
- [Scott talks about other topics of funding, RESTORE, etc. Bucket 2. Commissioner Bush. Scoring criteria? Basically, Scott C says that they aren't clear about the process, was adamant about PA has projects ready to go and needs funding. Beau: There will be public meetings for what to do with about \$56mil, how projects will be chosen. Scott C: The CWMA is included as a part of the projects for the area. The meeting is run by the state. Scott wants to bring money to the Bend area. "Coastal resilience" is a buzzword. Economic projects also will be funded.]
- City cannot use tax money to clean up private land
  - If city asks TFS to clean up, then there is a way to get onto private lands.
  - Need an MOU between CWMA and landowners to get onto private land.

- Scott: if there were an incentive to landowners to remove BP. This idea is listed in the Management Plan.
  - Other Scott: mentions that in Florida, there is legislation that prohibits BP; \$ fine for landowners found with prohibited invasive species
- La Palmilla Golf Course needs to be contacted. Scott C will talk to them.
- Growing trees. Scott C mentions Apache Foundation will grow plants, paid for by them. Katie suggests waiting until next year when CWMA runs out of \$\$\$. Need to have replacement trees available (incentive for landowners).
- Action Item list
  - Outreach
    - American Shoreline and Beach Preservation Association. Annual meeting of local chapter.
    - Beach and Dune Summit
    - Scott C: Hart(?) Research Institute is building a listserv
    - Other Scott: Need statewide recognition of BP problem. Mentions some people: Senator Chuy Henojosa.
  - Public Land Projects
    - TxDOT not open to working on BP right now
    - City drainage easements? Can city work on the private property that has the easement? Can city get a map with easements?
  - [Need to work to get BP out of public lands, as a demonstration and to show "good faith", before ask private landowners to remove]
  - City needs a source of funds. CWMA will continue the workdays, especially where it's visible to public.

### Eat the Invasives

- Some "hickups"
  - Mailings did not go out. Getting refund
  - Wild pig is frozen and quartered. Just in case, will try to get another pig.

- 2 banners, first was not printed correctly (fuzzy)
- Cozies done
- Peppercorns put out on table instead of as seasoning because of possible allergies.

Workday 10/1/2015 (day after tomorrow)

- 1.8 acres
- 20-30 trees to replant (willow)
- City will bring chain saws, saws, chemicals, etc. CWMA also will bring equipment. Scott will bring water cooler and cups.

Charlie Pasture contractor (contracted with city)

- Will remove by hand
- Will do 4 of the 5 zones (maybe fewer, depending on actual amount of \$\$ available)
- \$75,000 (\$25,000 from Estuary, \$7000 TFS, ?) Some question about the amount
  - Budget from Pulling Together? \$\$ from them? City was planning on using it. Dave will ask finance person what the numbers are. Katie will need those numbers.
- Getting Zone 4 done important because it's in the middle

Future: CMP

- \$40,000 total (\$30,000, + \$10,000 match in cash: \$5000 from County, \$5000 from ?)
  - \$25,000 contractor treatment
    - Perhaps use to attack Zone 5

Expand CWMA to include Packery Channel Park: Voted and passed unanimously.

Report from City to TFS needs to be done, for RFP. Discussions about who to send it to. Katie will contact Shane Harrington. Include in report that approved by city council, going ahead with plan.

Pulling Together \$\$ runs out end of December

- Won't have money after that. Can continue with workdays.
- Whooping Crane Festival is an outreach opportunity, Feb 25-28.
  - Can be free – David will check with Chamber of Commerce
- No other outreach

New video: how to remove BP, safely. Use city employee(s) for demonstration

Next workday will be around the Whooping Crane Festival. Want to do it as a restoration event, to show we don't just pull BP. At Paradise Pond, if needed. Otherwise talk to Dr. Barehns (?) about his property on Beech Street, or where he'd like us to go. Or do 2 workdays.

Will meet twice a year (full members meeting). First during the Whooping Crane Festival, if possible. Will continue to have phone meetings for the Steering Committee