# Central MI Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area

**Conference Call**

Thursday, May 13, 2021

9:00am – 11:30am

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## Steering Committee Minutes

1. Call to Order
2. Updates from Each Partner
	1. Elan – Tom and Isaac are working on contracting/ treatment and Rusty is planned to do work at Riverview. Americor member starting and will likely become a point of contact between LFC and CISMA. Equip grant for some more invasive work. 30 volunteers are expected to for Cedar River sampling event.
	2. Jim – Getting back to normal practices and is looking forward to upcoming treatment and seeing the progress that results.
	3. Tom – Working with invasive, spring mowing for autumn olive and buckthorn, switching to garlic mustard. The flood seems to have slowed down the second-year garlic mustard that was expected this season. Ongoing work for staffing, summer positions starting soon. Would like to find a better way of monitoring invasive control.
		1. Elan mentioned article in the CNC Newsletter with a map
	4. Melissa – (Was away from computer due to someone coming into office)
	5. Karen – Busy with tree sales. Has done some recent autumn olive treatment at farm property but would like to do more as there are lots of invasives onsite. There is an open-house meeting on Tuesday at the barn
	6. Ashley – Construction has started on road and drainage. Brush spray program starting in late July/early August
	7. Michelle – Treatment on property for autumn olive and buckthorn. Tom was able to do some mowing for them in wildflower planting areas. She is trying to give money away for invasive and restoration projects!
	8. Benjamin – Has some surveys/contracts that he will be checking out, so he’ll be sure to let us know if he finds any invasives.
3. Updates from Matthew
	1. Harrison street fair, midland county fair, MCD open house are all upcoming. Walleye festival results (155 boaters/fishers in 2 hour time span). Handful of seminars attended and upcoming
	2. 2020 GLRI Grant update
		1. Treatment
		2. Pesticide contractor, Rusty, is treating several sites later in the summer
	3. 2021 GLRI Grant update
		1. River Survey
			1. Starting on Monday going from Sanford Dam to Festival Park in Freeland to start.
			2. Elan had some concerns about seasonality of surveys. The surveyors will be doing the different stretches multiple time.
	4. 2019 MISGP Grant update
		1. Sanford and Wixom Lake, just getting started, will report more as it happens.
	5. 2020 MISGP Grant update
		1. We have approval, just waiting for them to send the papers.
		2. Boat Launch Survey
			1. Will be reaching out to partners in each county for input on launches/docks to consider
4. Other Thoughts
	1. Megan -Reminder to send upcoming events to Matthew
	2. Tom - Mentioned plan for Matthew to start reaching out to all of the partners to get more details on what is going on for projects and what sort of things they would like to see get done.
	3. Elan – Reach out to partners when you have questions [Matthew], that is what we are here for.
	4. Matthew - Take some time to look over the priority list. At some point in the future, we will work on priority species. It has been a while since it has been reevaluated and could be adjusted to better reflect the current situation