

Onekama Township Invasive Species Committee

Monthly Meeting—DRAFT

September 18, 2023 4:30p

In attendance: Al Taylor, Chair Doug Barry, Phil Sedelmaier. Absent: Kevin Hughes, Gene Lagerquist, Alexis DeGabriele.

Lacking a quorum, no official business could be conducted. Informal discussion began at 5:03p.

Topics of discussion included:

--Adding Japanese Knotweed to the list of invasive plants in the treatment plan.

--Gene Lagerquist is stepping down from the Invasive Species Committee and the Committee will need a new member to fill his seat. Taylor is going to post a request for applications on social media, and the Township will be accepting applications for the open seat. Applications will be reviewed at the October Committee meeting. Tyler Dula has been recommended by the Manistee Conservation District.

--No report of the presence of E coli has been received yet. Taylor to follow up.

--Results of the fish study haven't been received yet. Taylor has asked the Lake Manager to release the results to the Invasive Species Committee first.

Topics to be discussed at the next meeting:

--Milfoil treatment

--Rapid response plan

--Terrestrial invasives

--Meeting schedule for the rest of 2023

Discussion ended at 5:30p.

Submitted by Michelle Swanson, Recording Secretary