

THE OKLAHOMA INVASIVE PLANT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE OFFICERS' & BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
OKLAHOMA FARM BUREAU, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA
25 FEBRUARY 2011

Karen Hickman, President, called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. Karen Hickman, Bruce Hoagland, Marla Peek, Chad Cox, Tim Bartram, Jay Pruett, Brad Stumph, Priscilla Crawford, and guest Jeanetta Cooper (ODAFF) were in attendance

The minutes of the 17 December 2010 Board of Directors' meeting were unanimously approved with no revisions necessary.

Bruce Hoagland reported for the Science Committee. He is waiting for responses from the decision matrix for the invasive species list. Comments can still be sent to Bruce. Karen will send out the files again to the BOD via the listserv. So far, Bruce has only received a few comments.

Karen would like us to step back a bit regarding the list and think about our ultimate goal with the list. We may be losing the message with just a technical list of invasives. We also need to think of what our stakeholders need. Jay Pruett believes we should still have a comprehensive list, but we might want to have multiple lists to help us focus on groups of species, such as those that need to be on an early detection list. Marla Peek suggested maybe two lists with one focusing on ecological threat and another on economic threat. Priscilla Crawford suggested making the lists based on stakeholder interests, such as invasives of greatest concern for ranchers or urban landscapers or natural areas managers. Karen said some of her students would be making factsheets on invasive species that could be reproduced for outreach materials. Brad Stumph recommended adding a column to the decision matrix to indicate stakeholders that are impacted by that species. Bruce also remarked that we need to think about how we present the native invaders we have listed. We need to make clear our intention in listing them.

Marla Peek reported for the Policy Committee. Marla felt the biggest message we received from the Senators was they are interested but they don't have the money to allocate to any effort. Marla believes that a good step might be to encourage a rule change that identifies kudzu as a noxious weed. Unless some additional funding is given to her regulatory agency, Jeanetta Cooper (ODAFF) feels that little can actually be done.

Brad and Jay will contact the economist, Chad Settle, at the University of Tulsa to gauge his interest in helping OkIPC generate data on the economic impact of invasives for the state.

Brad reported on his activities with the Education Committee. He found estimates for an event display ranging from \$300 for a simple table top display to \$3000 for a floor display. The BOD agreed to allocate up to \$700 to the Education Committee to purchase and develop a display. Brad also suggested that we develop a database of funding sources for both the council and our stakeholders. This would help us to anticipate upcoming funding opportunities. The BOD encouraged Brad to work on the project. The logistics concerning applying for grants as the OkIPC was briefly discussed. For now, if grant opportunities occur, we could apply through our respective institutions. In the future, we need to determine how best to apply as the OkIPC.

Chad reported on the activities of the Citizen Science Committee. He reported that Curtis Tackett is working on an aquatic invasive handout to be distributed to Blue Thumb groups that are also OkIPC Citizen Scientists. Chad distributed his terrestrial plant guide for Citizen Scientists that he will be training. Upon examination of the list, the BOD had some comments. Marla was concerned that there are plants included in the guide that are used for agricultural purposes. Marla said the Farm Bureau could

not be associated with a list of plants that are used for commercial purposes, including forage species. These species need to be listed as problems in native areas, not problems everywhere. Marla also commented that commercial crops do not need to be reported to the OkIPC. Tim Bartram stated that many of the species listed occur throughout the state and we know that. We don't need the Citizen Scientists focusing on species that are already statewide and planted commercially. Tim and Priscilla think that there are other species that would be a better use of Citizen Science time, rather than the forage grasses included in this handout. There are invasive species in the state that we have little information for. It was suggested that we produce distribution maps of invasive species that are not based solely on herbarium specimens, but also include observations. Chad will revise the handout to remove the commercially available forage grasses. He will also add a disclaimer regarding the need to have permission to access private property. He will send out the revised document to the BOD via the listserv for their comments and approval.

Tim suggested that we should identify species that we would recommend be prohibited to sell in Oklahoma. Marla, Jeanetta, and Tim would work on coming up with candidates for prohibition.

Priscilla reported on her activities in the Membership and Public Relations Committee. We have two new official members so far in 2011. Priscilla posted on the OkIPC website the PowerPoint Presentation that Karen gave at the Capitol in January. She also mentioned that the www.protectingusnow.com website, which is about invasive pest species, has excellent outreach materials that we might want to use as templates for future OkIPC efforts. Brad suggested that we promote National Invasive Species Awareness Week 2011 and be more proactive in promoting it in 2012. Priscilla will post information on the website and send out information via the listserv.

Karen presented information about possibly putting an advertisement in the Oklahoma Hunting and Fishing Guide (circulation 400,000). The BOD didn't know what we would want to promote at this point. Maybe we will be ready to advertise next year.

Karen reported on the plans for the annual meeting. She would like suggestions for additional sponsors and sponsor fees. It was suggested that we have a sponsorship category as high as \$500. It was recommended that Karen contact the Texas Invasives to gage what they charge and how they manage sponsorships. Karen also thought we shouldn't charge some meeting attendees; especially people we want to attend. It was suggested that we have a VIP invited registration form that is sent to people we want to highly encourage to attend. Jeanetta has 100 copies of the invasive plant CD from invasives.org for the annual meeting packets. Karen welcomes other publications for the packet.

Chad gave the treasurers report. We currently have \$3774.02 in the account.

Karen discussed the initiation of the Nomination Committee. Karen would like to appoint Tim, Priscilla, and Jim Harris to the committee. Tim and Priscilla agreed. The Committee will be looking for BOD and President-Elect nominations. Karen would also like the BOD members whose term is up to consider being re-nominated and serving another term.

The next BOD meeting will be Monday 16 May 2011 at 9:00 at the Oklahoma Farm Bureau offices in Oklahoma City.

The meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Priscilla H. C. Crawford
Secretary

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OKLAHOMA FARM BUREAU, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA
16 MAY 2011

Karen Hickman, President, called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. Karen Hickman, Bruce Hoagland, Marla Peek, Chad Cox, Tim Bartram, Jay Pruett, Brad Stumph, Priscilla Crawford, Jim Harris, and guest Jeanetta Cooper (ODAFF) were in attendance.

The minutes of the 25 February 2011 Board of Directors' meeting were unanimously approved with no revisions necessary.

Bruce Hoagland had nothing to report on behalf of the Science Committee.

Marla Peek reported for the Policy Committee. She has been working on a revision of the bylaws. She passed out copies of the current and amended draft bylaws. There was a discussion over these potential changes. The BOD decided we would like the bylaws to say that there may be up to 13 BOD members. The BOD decided not to require quarterly meetings, but instead specify at least one meeting of the BOD a year. Marla is looking into official incorporation and amending the articles of incorporation. The BOD decided, as secretary, Priscilla Crawford would become the registered service agent. The BOD decided upon a fiscal year July 1 to June 30. The new bylaws will not be ready for a vote by the annual meeting in July, but it was determined that according to the current bylaws, we are not limited to amending them during the annual meeting of the membership. Marla has the assistance of attorneys to help with the incorporation and non-profit paperwork.

Brad reported on his activities with the Education Committee. Brad used \$700 of OkIPC funds to purchase a display board, carrying case, and logo banner. He will be taking the board with an informational poster on OkIPC to the Extension Agent Training. It is encouraged that other BOD members use the board and poster for other outreach events. Curtis Tackett plans to take the display to the Intertribal Environmental Council meeting in June. Jay Pruett and Brad will draft a PowerPoint covering the basic OkIPC message. Karen proposed that student written invasive species fact sheets be made available on the OkIPC website. It was encouraged that local information be included so that these sheets are not duplications of similar sheets produced by other national or state organizations. Brad is compiling potential funding sources for the OkIPC.

Chad reported on the activities of the Citizen Science Committee. He and Curtis have attended the Blue Thumb volunteer trainings in Tahlequah and Anadarko. They have given a presentation on aquatic invasives. There is interest in learning more, but people are hesitant to report. Chad continues to work on having Master Naturalists participate in the Citizen Science program.

Priscilla reported on her activities in the Membership and Public Relations Committee. There were no new members this quarter. Priscilla and Jay saw a presentation on the iMapInvasive database system. The Science Committee will look over this system versus the EDDMapS system that Texas Invasives uses.

Karen reported on the plans for the annual meeting. Priscilla set up online registration again this year. Karen is still looking for speakers. Tim Bartram suggested a talk about the Oklahoma Forestry Services Firewise program. Karen reported that complimentary registration for special invited guests will be available. She encouraged the BOD to submit names of people to invite. Karen needs help finding meeting sponsorships. Jeanetta Cooper will bring the ODAFF and Firewise displays for the meeting.

Priscilla is organizing the poster session.

Chad gave the treasurers report. We currently have \$3802.76 in the account. The display board purchase has not been accounted for. It was agreed that Priscilla Crawford will become an additional signatory on the OkIPC banking account.

Karen reported for the Nomination Committee. The committee has a slate of potential nominees to present at the annual meeting.

Jay Pruett reported on the meetings with stakeholders. Jay and Karen met with Darrel Dominick, Oklahoma Conservation Commission. The Conservation Commission has a good grassroots base in the counties and may be a good way to give out information to local citizens. Jay and Brad met with the University of Tulsa economist, Chad Settle. Chad said he would help with a grant application to get an economic evaluation of invasives in Oklahoma.

Karen reported on the NAEPPC conference call that she participated in as President of the OkIPC. From the call, Karen thought it would be useful to create short invasive species lists based on ecoregions. After some discussion, it was suggested that Bruce look into using the department of tourism's regions for regional lists. Jay reminded the BOD that we need to justify the species on each of these lists.

Karen encouraged the BOD to attend the Natural Areas Association meeting that will include the NAEPPC annual meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Priscilla H. C. Crawford
Secretary

Approved 26 October 2011 at quarterly BOD meeting.

THE OKLAHOMA INVASIVE PLANT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING AT THE 3rd ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING
METRO TECHNOLOGY CENTER, CONFERENCE CENTER
1900 SPRINGLAKE DRIVE
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA
TUESDAY, 12 JULY 2011

President Karen Hickman called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m. with a quorum of nineteen council members and eight members of the Board of Directors present. The attending members approved the minutes of the Business Meeting for the 2nd Annual Council Meeting held 14 July 2010.

Committee reports began with Karen Hickman reporting for the Science Committee. She said the committee is working on short lists that will be based on regions in the state.

Marla Peek reported on the activities of the Policy Committee. She is working on revising the bylaws and verifying our status as a non-profit organization.

Jay Pruettt reported on his meetings with stakeholders.

Chad Cox reported on the activities of the Citizen Science Committee. He and Curtis Tackett have attended the Blue Thumb volunteer trainings in Tahlequah and Anadarko. They have given a presentation on aquatic invasives. There is interest in learning more, but people are hesitant to report. Chad continues to work on having Master Naturalists participate in the Citizen Science program.

Brad Stumph reported on his activities with the Education Committee. Brad used \$700 of OkIPC funds to purchase a display board, carrying case, and logo banner. It is encouraged that other BOD members use the board and poster for other outreach events. Brad is compiling potential funding sources for the OkIPC.

Priscilla Crawford reported on the activities of the Membership and Public Relations Committee. As of 1 July 2010, 28 members joined or renewed online since in FY2010. As of Monday morning, there were 72 meeting attendees registered. There are currently 80 members of listserv, includes unofficial members and paid members. Priscilla produced the fall-winter 2010 newsletter and maintained the website during FY2010. She is always looking for good newsletter items.

Karen reported for the Annual Meeting Committee. She is looking for more help next year, including fundraising and speaker identification. 2012's meeting is tentatively scheduled for the week after the fourth of July.

Chad Cox gave the Treasure's report. There is over \$3000 at end of the FY, including \$1250 in meeting sponsorship.

The Nominations Committee nominated Brad Stumph to the position of President-Elect. The nomination was accepted and Brad was elected as President-Elect by a voice vote.

The Nomination Committee nominated Marla Peek, Russell Stevens, Toyna Dunn, and Darryl Dominick as a slate of Board members. No other nominations were made. This slate was accepted and elected to the board by a voice vote.

Karen Hickman opened the floor for comments and discussion of the members.

Karen Hickman passed the power of Presidential authority to Jay Pruettt.

Jay adjourned the meeting at 3:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Priscilla H. C. Crawford, Secretary

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26 OCTOBER 2011

Jay Pruett, President, called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m. Jay Pruett, Russell Stevens, Marla Peek, Brad Stumph, Priscilla Crawford, Tonya Dunn, Curtis Tackett, and guest Jeanetta Cooper (ODAFF) were in attendance.

The minutes of the 16 May 2011 Board of Directors' meeting were unanimously approved with minor revisions.

For the Science Committee, Jay Pruett reported that Bruce Hoagland plans to have the ecoregional plant lists ready by next board meeting. Jay will request that they are sent out before the next meeting so that the BOD can review.

Marla Peek reported for the Policy Committee. There is nothing new to report on bylaw revision and nonprofit status, but the new Farm Bureau lawyer will assist the OkIPC with this. The Farm Bureau received a letter from the state Secretary of the Environment regarding environmental issues of concern to the Farm Bureau. Farm Bureau replied indicating invasive plants are a significant concern. Marla also reported about a potential prescribed fire insurance that will help to limit the liability in prescribed fire cases. The idea is to that a private insurance company could provide a policy for those people working with a burn association or co-op, who follow an approved burn plan, and pay a fee.

Brad reported on his activities with the Education Committee. Brad will work to have Chad Settle, economist, attend the next BOD meeting to discuss a potential research project on the economic impacts of invasive species in Oklahoma. Brad is still working on the funding database, but application to grants by OkIPC will be on hold until the nonprofit status is fully established.

Curtis Tackett reported on the activities of the Citizen Science Committee. On October 15 they presented to a Master Naturalist group. On November 3, they will present at the Tahlequah Conservation District meeting. On April 28 they have a half-day presentation at Arbuckle-Simpson Nature Festival.

Priscilla reported on her activities in the Membership and Public Relations Committee. She requested items for the newsletter.

In Karen Hickman's absence, Priscilla recollects the statistical highlights of the annual meeting. Chad Cox recommended our next annual meeting be at the ODWC education center at Lake Arcadia.

Chad Cox was absent. Therefore there was no Treasurer's report.

Jeanetta Cooper spoke about the weed free hay certification. There was no weed free hay available due to the drought.

Jay led us in a discussion of our goals for this year. The BOD would like to have the plant lists completed and distributed. We would like the by-laws revised and non-profit status established by the next annual meeting. Marla said this would be easily accomplished. The BOD would like to see the development of materials for different stakeholder groups for display board. The meeting attendees went through a list of

events to attend and have a display. The BOD assigned themselves to events that were appropriate to their background. The BOD liked the idea of producing weed specific fact sheets to distribute to grain elevators and base them on ecoregion. The BOD is thinking of other groups to target for the Citizen Science reporting. The BOD encouraged the use of social media to enhance outreach, including a Facebook page and eNewsletter. Tonya Dunn volunteered to help with fundraising efforts. The BOD reiterated the role of OkIPC of being a clearing-house of information and assigned this task to the Science Committee, after the completion of the lists. The Science Committee will also work on the best reporting mechanism and on-line database. The BOD believes it is still useful to have an annual meeting.

Jay Pruett will be attending the National Association of Exotic and Pest Plant Council meeting in November.

The next meeting is scheduled for 1:00-3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, 11 January 2012.

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.