

THE OKLAHOMA INVASIVE PLANT COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE OFFICERS' & BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING  
OKLAHOMA FARM BUREAU, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA  
OCTOBER 22, 2015

Karen Hickman called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m. Members Karen Hickman, Jay Pruett, Marla Peek, Chadwick Cox, Tonya Dunn, Curtis Tackett, Russell Stevens, Priscilla Crawford, and Steve Thompson were present.

A motion was made and passed to accept the meeting minutes from June 29, 2015 without correction.

Science Committee Report

Jay Pruett reported for the Science Committee. Jay did not receive any comments on the Watch List; Priscilla Crawford noted not receiving any comments as well. Regarding the costs of invasive plant management, Jay reported on estimates from TNC's preserves. The following are the estimated acreages and associated treatment costs, as well as species treated, by Preserve (details were approved by Jay to be posted in the minutes):

- Tallgrass Prairie Preserve - 40,000 acres
  - Sericea lespedeza - \$77,000 (2014); \$52,000 (2015)
  - Johnsongrass - \$5,000/year
  - Other species - Osage orange
- Pontotoc Ridge Preserve/Oka' Yanahli Preserve - 2,870 acres/490 acres
  - Total invasive plant species management costs (2015) - \$19,300
  - Species treated - Sericea lespedeza (primary one), winged elm, honey locust, common privet, Japanese honeysuckle, Deptford pink, yellow flag iris, yellow sweet clover, multi-flora rose, common mullein, jointed goatgrass, Johnsongrass, weeping lovegrass, Old World bluestem.
- Nickel Preserve - 17,000 acres
  - Total invasive plant species management costs (2015) - \$30,000
  - Species treated - Sericea lespedeza (primary one), Johnsongrass, teasel, common mullein, musk thistle, Nepalese browntop, multi-flora rose, common privet, tree-of-heaven, gallery pear, yellow rocket, fescue.
- Four Canyon Preserve - 4,000 acres
  - eastern redcedar - \$5,000 (maintenance mode)
  - Old World bluestem - \$2,600
  - Osage orange - \$1,700
  - Total = \$9,300/year
  - Note: initial redcedar clearing of 2,000 acres cost \$27,000 in 2007. Initial saltcedar removal on 262 acres of floodplain cost \$8,000 in 2008.

Curtis Tackett will get ODWC's estimated costs for eastern redcedar control. Steve Thompson will look into gathering data for invasive species management from Secretary of the Environment and Department of Environmental Quality. Jay will contact Richard Hatcher and Melinda Streich at ODWC.

### Policy Committee Report

Marla Peek reported for the Policy Committee. Marla reported no rules of interest; however, there may be movement on the feral hog issue. OkIPC's policy will be like Kansas' policy, which is against sport hunting and support landowners letting hunters go on their private lands. Marla mentioned the Department of Agriculture has authority that they are not exercising. Karen mentioned reporting on the economics associated with the damage caused by feral hogs would be noteworthy; however, Steve reported concerns over the accuracy problems associated with feral hog data. More research on swine was noted to be a need, as well as support from Dept. of Agriculture.

Jay reported on the revision of OkIPC's incorporation. Form 990-N needs to be filled out; we just passed our old date for our tax year. After the form is filled out Jay will send a letter to IRS to change the tax year.

Karen reported receiving no emails from the BOD regarding comments on the Invasive Species Management Plan. Karen reiterated that this plan has been in development for a year; a deadline has been set for review of the plan for the December 2015 BOD meeting.

Russell Stevens reported on the OK Prescribed Burn Association. Russell reported that OPBA received approval by IRS for organizations to affiliate with OPBA and take advantage of its 501(c)(3) status, Officer and Director's insurance, and other benefits. Affiliation with OPBA will not require OPBA to help on burns.

Priscilla discussed that ODWC is going through a revision of the OK Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy; the document covers everything regional. Priscilla received a copy to review and noted all statements about invasive species are reactive. She suggested looking at the Watch List for a more proactive approach.

### Education Committee Report

Chadwick Cox reported for the Education Committee. Chad reported following up with EDDMapS, the invasive species tracking program out of the University of Georgia; he mentioned you can actually find out who submitted the information. Chad also noted that not a lot of information is posted for Oklahoma.

Priscilla reported that she had an invasive plant species awareness table at the Science and Action Day at the Sam Noble Museum. She also handed out about 100 Dirty Dozen posters.

Karen has all the fact sheets for the species on the Dirty Dozen poster completed. She is now having a student compile a map. Karen needs volunteer to proof-read; Jay, Russell, Curtis, and Priscilla has a student that can assist with that. Karen will send the information to them to review.

### Membership and Public Relations Committee Report

Priscilla Crawford reported for the Membership and Public Relations Committee. Priscilla reported fixing a link on the website; there have been no other updates or Memorandums of Understanding. Due to lack of participation in the MOUs, the BOD decided not pursue MOUs.

Curtis reported the Annual Wildlife Expo hosted over 50,000 visitors; there was an invasive species booth. Curtis had 500 visitors take the quiz he set up; he also passed out 250 – 300 Dirty

Dozen posters from the booth. Priscilla mentioned that she continues to get about 12 requests a month for the poster. The poster was displayed in an article in State Gardening Magazine as well.

#### Annual Meeting Committee Report

Karen Hickman reported for the Annual Meeting Committee. OkIPC will be joining The Oklahoma Natural Resources Annual Conference on Feb 24 – 26, 2016; Priscilla is on the committee and in charge of registration. Priscilla asked the Council if we wanted to sponsor the Annual Conference; Russell made a motion for OkIPC to sponsor a break. The motion was recalled and Priscilla made a motion to modify the previous motion to reflect OkIPC donate \$1000.00 for a Bronze level sponsorship that includes sponsoring a break and exhibit space. The motion passed.

Suggestions for the Annual Conference speakers include having 2 – 4 papers presented, an OkIPC presentation, Watch List report, and Fact Sheets presentations. Priscilla will look into format of speakers. Priscilla will submit an abstract, Karen will give the presentation.

#### Treasurer's Report

Chadwick Cox reported for the Treasurer's Report. Chadwick reported there is a balance of \$8,253.75 with the \$1000.00 donation motion just passed. Chadwick will fill out the 990-N Form.

The PeopleSoft Vendor Registration with the State of Oklahoma will be completed soon.

#### New business discussed

The next BOD meeting will be held in December 2015; Karen will email another meeting poll to the BOD to determine best date for the next meeting.

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ODWC website update:

Noxious vs. nuisance is being updated on the ODWC website.

Nominations:

Board elections will be coming up and the class of 2013-2015 is to be replaced; Karen appointed Russell Stevens, Curtis Tackett, and Dennis Martin to serve as the members of the Nomination Committee with her. Requests for nominations will be sent out in the next eNewsletter with outlines of the Board positions; Priscilla can do that next week (week of Oct 26, 2015).

Nominations can be self-nominations or by someone else; nominations should come with 100 – 200 word write-up as to why they want to serve or are nominated to serve. The nominee's name, affiliation, 100 – 200 word write up which includes background on invasive species, and what the nominee brings to the BOD should be included in the nomination package.

Grant proposals:

By December, the grant proposal information will be more worked up and finalized for consideration to determine the amounts for funding.

Karen summarized all the action items identified during the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tonya N. Dunn, OkIPC Secretary