

THE OKLAHOMA INVASIVE PLANT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE OFFICERS' & BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
OKLAHOMA FARM BUREAU, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA
13 APRIL 2013

Jay Pruett, president, called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. Members Chad Cox, Tonya Dunn, Russell Stevens, Darrel Dominick, and Priscilla Crawford were present and Karen Hickman attended via telephone.

Priscilla reported on Bruce Hoagland's behalf on the activities of the Science Committee. Bruce is currently working on the ranked invasive plant list that will be published in a scientific, peer-reviewed journal.

Jay reported on behalf of Marla Peek for the Policy Committee. Not much is going on with invasive species policy; the state legislature is focusing on other issues for the moment. There is some interest among lawmakers to make it easier to establish burn bans. This could potentially make prescribed burning much more difficult. Karen plans to reach out to personal contacts in the legislature to advance invasive species issues; although we need to be thoughtful about our message. Russell reported that there is a conservation coalition in Oklahoma – groups joining together to promote conservation issues to the public and legislature. Ron Suttles is the head of this group and is working to “aggressively” educate lawmakers on wildlife and conservation issues.

For the education committee, Karen updated everyone on the progress of the invasive species poster. The artist is currently working on the pencil drawings. Hydrilla has been added to the plants to be illustrated. \$9300 is the total cost of the art.

Karen reported on OkIPC's sponsorship of a break session at the Society for Range Management meeting held in Oklahoma City in February. She felt the sponsorship made attendees more aware of the OkIPC. Karen personally paid for the \$500 sponsorship and it was agreed that she will be reimbursed.

The Citizen Science Committee report was given by Chad Cox. He is continuing to work on callery pears observations. Unfortunately no reports came in this spring. Darrel agreed to help get the word out next year.

Priscilla reported on the Membership Committee activities. There were no new members since the annual meeting. She as updated the web site with the annual meeting presentations and new board members. She plans to send out an eNewsletter with an annual meeting reminder.

Karen reported on the planning progress of the annual meeting, which will be held at the ODWC Lake Arcadia Education Area again on 9 July 2013. Karen is looking for a speaker to address horticultural issues. The student awards will be judged by a committee headed up by Curtis Tackett.

Jay reported that there have not been many recent meetings with partner agencies or organizations. Although, Jay did meet with the Army Corps of Engineers earlier this year.

Karen discussed her research into invasive species management plans. She has read many states' plans that represent a variety of philosophies. The Federal Invasive Species Management Plan will likely require states to have an agreed upon plan before they obtain any federal funding.

Developing a plan will take a tremendous amount of energy and a dedicated group interested in moving this forward. OkIPC wants to be part of the plan development process.

Jay reported that the NAEPPC meeting was cancelled due to sequestration.

In New Business, the BOD appointed Karen Hickman to the office of President-Elect, which was vacated by Brad Stumpf who is no longer able participate in the Council. The oral voice vote was unanimous in favor of appointing Karen. The nomination committee will have a full slate of nominees by the annual meeting.

The status of the 501 c3 application was discussed. Darrel and Jay will work together with a lawyer to move this forward. Chad will give them the original incorporation papers. The cost is estimated to be approximately \$1312.

Russell gave report on the Oklahoma Prescribed Burn Association. Russell is the acting Executive Director of the association, which is now officially a non-profit. They are applying for grants and eventually hope to have paid staff including two area coordinators. They are forming partnerships, assisting local associations, and collecting fire data from around the state. They are working to establish fire training and certifications. The OPBA is looking forward to a good working relationship with OkIPC.

Chad Cox's gave the Treasurer's report. He passed out a paper copy of the recent transactions.

Meeting adjourned 11:33.

Respectfully submitted,
Priscilla Crawford, OkIPC Secretary

THE OKLAHOMA INVASIVE PLANT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING AT THE COUNCIL MEETING
ARCADIA CONSERVATION EDUCATION AREA
OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION
TUESDAY, 9 JULY 2013

OkIPC President Jay Pruett called the meeting to order at 4:13 p.m. with a quorum present.

The minutes of the annual business meeting of 10 July 2012 were presented and accepted.

Treasurer Chad Cox presented the treasurer's report. The exact numbers were not available because of the total annual meeting expenditure and income were not complete. The annual meeting food cost \$1149. During the meeting \$700 was allocated to student prizes. There are a few outstanding registration fees and sponsorship funds. This year we saved \$500 on food, as compared to last year. Karen Hickman (President-Elect) was reimbursed for her payment for an OkIPC sponsorship at the Society for Range Management international meeting this winter. The financial report was accepted by voice vote by the attendees.

Jay Pruett reported on the progress of obtaining the 501c3 status of a non-profit. He is currently talking with a lawyer to get a bid to file all the paperwork.

Bruce Hoagland (Past President 2007-2009) is drafting the "Watch List" which Jay will distribute and discuss at a future Board of Directors meeting.

Karen Hickman has been working on the Dirty Dozen poster. There should be a first draft by 18 July. Adam Ryburn (OkIPC Member) of UCO will review the botanical correctness of the illustrations. Printing costs should be covered by OSU NREM department.

There are currently 112 members on our electronic mailing list. For the annual meeting this year, 60 people registered with 54 attending.

Jay, as Chair of the Nomination Committee proposed the following slate of candidates for offices and positions: Priscilla Crawford, President-Elect; Tonya Dunn, Secretary; Chad Cox, Treasurer; and Lara Souza, Marla Peek, Darrel Dominick, Russell Stevens, Chad Cummings as Board Members. The slate was accepted by those attending. The slate was elected by voice vote with no opposition.

Tim Bartram (Board Member, 2012-2014) suggested that we consider changing the time of the Business Meeting to encourage more participation. The Meeting Committee will consider a lunch time meeting for the future. Tim also observed that the OkIPC has sufficient funds that we might be able to organize additional activities, such as field days. This may boost participation among lawmakers and increase awareness with the invitations to members of the media. Tim also recommended that OkIPC have a presence at a future Governor's Conference on Wildfire Preparedness. This would be a venue to reach a new audience. Tim suggested presenting at or being a sponsor of the meeting.

Dennis Martin (Board Member, 2012-2014) stated that Extension Educators could receive continuing education credit for attending meeting. This could boost attendance and membership.

The meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Priscilla H. C. Crawford
OkIPC Secretary

THE OKLAHOMA INVASIVE PLANT COUNCIL
BUSINESS MEETING ATTENDEES
ARCADIA CONSERVATION EDUCATION AREA
OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION
TUESDAY, 9 JULY 2013

Officers: Jay Pruett
Karen Hickman
Priscilla Crawford
Chadwick Cox

Board Members: Tim Bartram
D. Chad Cummings
Darrel Dominick
Dennis Martin
Russell Stevens
Curtis Tackett

Members: Clayton Hurst

THE OKLAHOMA INVASIVE PLANT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE OFFICERS' & BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
OKLAHOMA FARM BUREAU, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA
23 SEPTEMBER 2013

Karen Hickman called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Members Karen Hickman, Chad Cummings, Dennis Martin, Tim Bartram, Curtis Tackett, Jay Pruet, Tonya Dunn, Priscilla Crawford, Russell Stevens, Marla Peek, and Chad Cox were present.

A motion was made and passed to accept the meeting minutes from April 2013 without correction.

Jay Pruet reported for the Science Committee on the status of the regional list; he handed out the Watch List that Bruce Hoagland had developed. The criteria of the list were discussed and review of the list by the BOD was requested. Karen Hickman asked for an electronic copy to be sent to the BOD for review. Review of the scientific names will include the addition of "formerly" being notated on the species' names that have been recently changed. The regional/geographic description should also be included (Bruce used the Dept of Tourism for the various regions of the state). It was also decided that a description of "Dirty Dozen" and "Watch List" be developed and included on the regional list; Jay Pruet and Chad Cummings agreed to accomplish the task in two weeks. The regional list should be reviewed by strategic members, not the full membership; edits and comments on the list will be finalized at the next BOD meeting. One sentence descriptions for each listed species will be available for when the list goes public; Karen Hickman has those descriptions.

Marla Peek reported for the Policy Committee. Marla reported not seeing anything relevant to invasive species at the last legislative session; no studies at the state level either. She and Russell Stevens have discussed what could be done to promote controlled burning. Russell added that the Oklahoma Prescribed Burn Association Board is working on paperwork to have the local burn associations fall under their 501c3. Marla also brought up the Kansas model of noxious weed management: Kansas has county "weed" districts and if there is no management for the weeds on a property, then the county assesses a lien against the property. Currently, this model would not work for Oklahoma; Oklahoma is not set up with county level enforcement and a lien on property for non-compliance would not be well received. After much discussion regarding OkIPC's interest to educate county commissioners, Marla and Dennis agreed to discuss further with his connections.

Jay Pruet reported on the progress of OkIPC's 501c3 status. Jay talked with attorneys for bids and found one attorney which cost less. Jay will get back with the attorney with current paperwork already in place, which may reduce the cost of attorney fee which is currently quoted at \$1,312. As far as the timeline, Jay reports it shouldn't take long once the attorney gets the information.

Chad Cox reported for the Education/Citizen Science Committee. Chad reports not doing anything new; he is trying to finish up the callery pear inventory.

Priscilla Crawford reported for the Membership Committee. Priscilla reported 119 members and will send list of members to BOD via email again.

Karen Hickman reported for the Annual Meeting Committee. Changes to the annual meeting format were discussed. Suggestion to hold the annual meeting every other year and

incorporating a field day ensued. Chad Cox reported that the OkIPC's budget is made up from the Annual Meeting funds and without a yearly meeting, the uncertainty of OkIPC's working budget is a concern. A hybrid meeting (including a field day) was suggested. A motion was made to include a field day portion to the 2014 Annual Meeting; the motion was approved and passed. Details of the 2014 Annual Meeting and Field Day location are to be determined and specifics to be discussed at a later date; Priscilla will organize the meeting/field day and Chad Cummings will assist with sponsorships for the Annual Meeting.

Karen Hickman commented that the realm of the Committees needs to be expanded. It was reported that the Committees are not functioning and are made up of only one person. Priscilla Crawford will solicit members for Committees in the next eNewsletter. The current Committee Chairs are:

Science – Jay Pruett
Education (which includes Citizen Science) – Chad Cox
Policy – Marla Peek
Membership and PR – Priscilla Crawford
Annual Meeting – Karen Hickman

Russell Stevens and Karen Hickman expressed interest in joining the Policy Committee, Dennis Martin expressed interest in joining the Membership and Education Committees, and Russell and Priscilla expressed interest in joining the Annual Meeting Committee.

Chad Cox presented the Treasurer's Report; the Council has \$4,797.13 balance with an outstanding bill for a third of the poster cost which brings the balance to \$1,617.13. This balance does not include money that Priscilla Crawford presented to Chad today (prior to the meeting), which was estimated at \$2,000.00.

Jay Pruett reported on the status of the stakeholder meetings. There hasn't been any activity; meetings need to be planned.

Karen Hickman led the discussion for the poster; comments on the title and other suggestions were made. Where to distribute the posters was also discussed.

In new business, Karen Hickman reported that OkIPC is a member institution of the National Association of Exotic Pest Plant Council. In a letter dated 10 September 2013, Doug Johnson requested feedback from each EPPC list committee and/or board by 30 Sept 2013 regarding the NAEPPC's draft standards for listing invasive plants. The letter and draft standards document were emailed to BOD members; members are to review and forward comments to Jay Pruett. Jay will consolidate comments by 30 Sept 2013 and forward as necessary.

Karen Hickman emailed BOD prior to the meeting, requesting ideas/comments about OkIPC's short- and long-term goals. A document was handed out with responses included; Karen will consolidate and resend to the BOD. The goals will be discussed in detail at the next BOD meeting, which will be a strategic planning session and more time will be allotted to focus on finalizing the goals.

Approval of Annual Minutes was discussed to occur at the BOD meeting following the Annual Meeting instead of waiting until the following Annual Meeting. The minutes could be sent out in an email with a deadline for approval. A motion was made to approve the Annual Meeting Minutes prior to the next Annual Meeting. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 12:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tonya N. Dunn, OkIPC Secretary

THE OKLAHOMA INVASIVE PLANT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE OFFICERS' & BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
AND 2013 STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION
OKLAHOMA FARM BUREAU, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA
16 DECEMBER 2013

Karen Hickman called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m. Members Karen Hickman, Jay Pruett, Marla Peek, Chad Cox, Tonya Dunn, Curtis Tackett, Dennis Martin, Russell Stevens, Tim Bartram, Priscilla Crawford, Lara Souza, and Chad Cummings were present. Guest LeeAnna Covington was also in attendance.

A motion was made and passed to accept the meeting minutes from September 23, 2013 without correction. Meeting minutes from the 2013 Annual BOD Meeting were asked to be reviewed now in order to be approved at the next Annual Meeting.

Karen Hickman presented an activity and discussed the five dysfunctions of a team. Comments were made that relative to our BOD, lack of what we are going to be and not knowing the direction of where we want to go is an issue. The strategic planning session of today's meeting addressed the focus of the Council.

Jay Pruett reported for the Science Committee. Jay reported nothing new regarding the regional list and he will email the list the BOD for comments. Members of this committee are Bruce Hoagland and Chad Cummings.

Marla Peek reported for the Policy Committee. Marla reported that there is nothing new; no interim studies to do with invasive species on the horizon. Jay Pruett reported that he is working on the Council's 501c3 status and will have an update for the next BOD meeting.

Chad Cox reported for the Education Committee. Chad reported that he will send out the callery pear list. Lara Souza is to be added to this committee. Karen Hickman mentioned that she has students with a thesis contract that will work on a kudzu report by county; another student can help with the callery pear list and will be in contact with Chad.

Priscilla Crawford reported for the Membership and Public Relations Committee. Priscilla reported no new members and that the eNewsletter was sent out. In the eNewsletter, a request for ideas for the field day portion of the Annual Meeting was made; only two people responded. A goal for today is to get ideas for the field day.

Priscilla Crawford reported for the Annual Meeting Committee. Priscilla hasn't followed up with speakers and wants more response from BOD about the field day/work day. Discussion of ideas for the 2014 Annual Meeting followed. Results from discussion included:

The date of the Annual meeting is yet to be determined; July 8th or 9th were discussed, however, discussion was also made about having the meeting in June, rather than July due to heat concerns. There will still be two parts of next year's annual meeting; the field day session of the meeting will be conducted in the morning to avoid afternoon heat and the afternoon session will be the regular format of presentations in a meeting room. Locations for the field day and afternoon sessions were discussed. A central location was determined to be best for both sessions of the meeting. Ideas include meeting at Lake Carl Blackwell and the Fire Service Training Station. Karen Hickman mentioned getting

in contact with the fire Service Training Station. There is a project at the research station with an ongoing patch burning of eastern red cedar, there is a Cross timbers restoration project around the lake, and there is an OK Gardening prairie restoration site in the area that would be ideal for the field day session. If the field session is away from the meeting site, Karen mentioned being able to reserve BOB for group transportation, which will increase the individual's cost to attend the annual meeting.

There was discussion regarding taking advantage of OK Gardening and possibly incorporate the meeting in an episode. Sun Up was also mentioned. This could benefit Public Relations as well.

Priscilla reported that historically 55 – 70 people attended the annual meetings, if we promote next year's annual meeting then there may be more in attendance. Meeting room facility will need to accommodate the group.

Priscilla will figure out the details from today's discussion ideas.

Chad Cox reported for the Treasurer's Report. Chad passed out the report; there is a balance of \$3,570.95 as of today. From the accounting of the Annual Meeting (\$2,490.07 income, \$1,149.96 expenses, and \$700 award payments) there was a profit of \$640.11, which assumes \$1,148.05 SignMeUP check deposited on October 4th was for the meeting. A motion was made and passed to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Jay Pruett reported on stakeholders meetings. Jay did not have any meetings last quarter.

Karen Hickman reported on poster printing and distribution. Karen mentioned that Nancy has completed the final version of the poster and has it not been sent out for printing yet. Currently, there is \$1,000 budgeted for printing and we need to find a place to print the posters. Priscilla Crawford recommended getting multiple bids and the print shop you want may match the other bids. Karen is to have the printing of the posters done by the time the conservation meeting is held (March 2 – 4, 2014) in order to distribute at that meeting. Curtis Tackett has annual meetings that he can hand posters out to as well. Priscilla mentioned being able to store some posters at the lab. Posters can be hand delivered to appropriate legislators; Karen mentioned going with Marla Peek to accomplish this. Jay Pruett offered that TNC will cover the cost of printing the first batch of posters above the Council's budget of \$1,000.

No new business was discussed.

2013 Strategic Planning Session

There were four items addressed in this session: a) review OkIPC Mission Statement, b) refer to 2009 Strategic Plan, c) discussion of short-term and long-term goals responses, and d) develop Plan of Action for addressing goals.

- a) Discussion resulted in shortening the mission statement and reducing redundancies between title of council and its mission statement. The new mission statement is to read as follows: **Facilitating education and management for protection of our economic and natural resources.** A motion was made and passed to approve the new mission statement.

b) Review of the 2009 Strategic Plan. Underlining indicates a 2009 Strategic Plan Goal; the update on the status of that goal follows.

a. Science

- i. Finalize invasive plant list. Invasive plant list has been finalized.
- ii. Complete assessment of threats from plants listed. There are brief descriptions of the Dirty Dozen on the OkIPC website. Lara Souza volunteered to work on updating and Curtis Tackett will do the write-up for hydrilla to add to the website.
- iii. Set up clearinghouse processes within the Council for invasive plant management strategies, information and implementation within Oklahoma. Lara Souza is working on setting up the clearinghouse.
- iv. Coordinate with other invasive plant management groups (including out-of-state) and resources to add efficiency to Oklahoma's efforts. The Council has a good start with this. Karen Hickman reported that Chad Settle, professor at TU, is interested in economic studies of invasive plants and needs information (\$ spent on invasives) from neighboring states. Karen mentioned getting one of her students to assist with the information.

b. Policy

- i. Identify members. Marla Peek, Karen Hickman, Russell Stevens volunteered to do this.
- ii. Complete list of all invasive plant laws and regulations at the Oklahoma and Federal levels. This is a huge undertaking that couldn't be done before; however the Council decided it is worth doing and doable. Karen Hickman knows of 25 states with Invasive Species Management Plans; discussion was made about Karen's spring semester Invasive Species class review some plans.
- iii. Identify parties responsible for implementing invasive plant laws and regulations. This item was determined to be the same as law (ii above).
- iv. Identify legislative and regulatory additions, deletions and changes needed to make laws and regulations more effective. This item has not been accomplished yet; Marla Peek volunteered to draft a letter and get to key legislators and Secretary of Agriculture to reflect this item. Group discussed delivering the letters with the posters. It was determined that the letter needs to be persuasive and reference at least three good Invasive Species Management Plans.

The rest of the items from the 2009 Strategic Plan Policy section were not reviewed.

Discussion of pooling information regarding invasive species costs for management and the number of acres impacted. The task of organizing data was delegated to the Science Committee with a deadline of next BOD meeting.

c. Education

- i. Develop list of goals for education, focusing on the sources, economic and ecological effects, identification, prevention, early detection/rapid response and control/management strategies for invasive plants. This item is coming along slowly, haven't reached the goal yet.

- ii. Develop list of targets/audiences for achieving the education goals. Accomplished by Chad Cox.
- iii. Develop strategies (web site, presentations, conference, advertising, etc.) for achieving education goals. Has been done, just not written down.
- iv. Develop list of resources/funding needing to implement strategies. Have not got the funding. Lara Souza will help with this item; Chad Cox volunteered to find public help.
- v. Initiate strategy implementation. Not accomplished.
- vi. Identify funding sources to facilitate invasive plant management. Not accomplished.
- vii. Seek funding from those sources or direct agencies and organizations to those sources. Not accomplished.

d. Membership

- i. Determine role of membership for the Council and for the members. It was determined that who we want for members of the Council is anyone that is interested.
- ii. Determine membership drive strategies. This item is not active.
- iii. Implement membership drive effort. There needs to be implementation of membership drive effort.
- iv. Develop purpose and format of newsletter. The purpose has evolved to keep the Council relevant; the format of the newsletter is the electronic distribution "eNewsletter".
- v. Create and distribute newsletters (3/year). This item has been implemented.
- vi. Complete website design implementation. Completed and the website has been kept updated. However, there needs to be a better mapping/reporting system.

e. Annual Meeting

- i. Determine purpose of annual meeting. Accomplished annually.
- ii. Determine dates and venue for annual meeting. Accomplished annually.
- iii. Determine presentations desired to fulfill purpose for annual meeting. Accomplished annually.
- iv. Invite speakers. Accomplished annually.
- v. Make meeting arrangements. Accomplished annually.
- vi. Promote annual meeting. Accomplished annually.

c) Discussion of short-term and long-term goals responses (underlined portion of items below), and

d) Plan of Action (brief description of Plan of Action follows the goal responses below).

a. List 3 short-term goals the OkIPC should try to reach by July of 2014.

- i. Develop a more formal plan for the organization. Accomplishing today.
- ii. Develop a plan for preventing introduction of new invasives in the state. Move to long-term goal section.
- iii. Develop a plan for dealing with new invasives that enter the state. Move to long-term goal section.
- iv. Complete inventory of towns with callery pear infestations and sites with kudzu. Will be done by Karen Hickman students (kudzu) and Chad Cox (callery pear).

- v. Increase attendance at summer 2014 meeting. In progress.
- vi. Develop a fact sheet for the website showing even a single success story in stopping movement of an invasive species of importance to Oklahoma, even if the success did not occur in Oklahoma. This could bring hope to a situation where folks might perceive "what good does it do to talk about invasive species as there are no success stories, only more bad news as time goes on." Curtis Tackett will provide story of hydrilla at Sooner Lake.
- vii. Complete the Dirty Dozen poster. Finalize invasive plant poster (low hanging fruit). Completed.
- viii. Finalize invasive plants list by region in OK for website and publications. This is a goal.
- ix. Complete 501c3 status. In progress.
- x. Develop an invasive plant management plan for OK. Move to long-term goal section.
- xi. Create an interactive invasive plant listing on website. This is a goal.
- xii. Develop a more effective legislative committee. This is a goal.
- xiii. Complete the Dirty Dozen Presentation. Completed.
- xiv. Increase Membership by 10%. Not addressed.
- xv. Include a field training (ID, herbicide efficacy, etc.) session during next annual meeting. In progress.
- xvi. Finalize on a citizen science project to both educate public and gather information on subset of invaders. Move to long-term goal section.
- xvii. Fundraising event that will go towards supporting citizen science project. Move to long-term goal section.
- xviii. Invasive species eradication events in local preserves (get campus organizations involved). Chad Cox is doing this item.
- xix. Develop usable invasive species reporting system. Has been initiated and needs to be moved to long-term goal section.
- xx. Host a field day - either in association with annual meeting or separate. In progress.
- xxi. Convince someone in the state legislature to propose a bill to establish a working group that will develop a state management plan - with OkIPC as a major player. Will be accomplished with the letter that Marla Peek volunteered to write.
- xxii. Work on economic impact of invasives report. In progress; Jay Pruett will do this task.

- b. List 3 long-term goals the OkIPC should try to reach within 5 years.
 - i. Have implemented a plan for preventing introduction of new invasives in the state. BOD decided that this was not the Council's task to accomplish.
 - ii. Have implemented a plan for dealing with new invasives that enter the state. BOD decided that this was not the Council's task to accomplish.
 - iii. Meet individually with each legislator and determine who would help. This is a goal.
 - iv. Develop a plan to bring about a success story. Find an invasive species that has entered OK for which an eradication plan can be developed. Implement the plan and show a single success story. The lack of success stories destroys hope. This is perhaps the greatest problem that I see when I talk to people about invasive species. Curtis Tackett will address this.

- v. Increase membership by 25%, Have a joint meeting with one of the other local habitat mgt societies (SRM, TWS, DU, NWTF, etc) to promote invasives awareness and management. This is a goal.
- vi. Find 5 new sponsors. This is a goal.
- vii. Established citizen science reporting system. In progress.
- viii. Participate in the writing of a state management plant. The Council can assist in this task.
- ix. Get stakeholders to help fund the Council's work - not just meeting sponsors. Texas has the state agencies funding their programs. Not addressed.
- x. Have an established citizen science program. In progress/Chad Cox.
- xi. Have compiled fact sheets available at a website to the public regarding Oklahoma problematic species. In progress; Karen Hickman mentioned having students do this item
- xii. Have a news release portal at a website to inform public about current Oklahoma invasive species related issues. Move to short-term goal section. Facebook may be a social media tool.
- xiii. Have legislative links available to the public on invasive-species related issues (<http://www.texasinvasives.org/resources/legislation.php>). More info will be on the Council's website.

c. What stakeholders have we not reached or what organizations do we not have buy in from (list all you can)?

- i. Cattlemen's Association, other Indian tribes, lumber industry, OCA With a new exec at there may be an opportunity, Farm Bureau, American Farmers and Ranchers, National Wild Turkey Federation, Quality Deer Management Association, Oklahoma Prescribed Burn Association, Oklahoma Conservation Coalition. SRM, TWS, DU, NWTF, QU, Pesticide Industry, oil/natural gas/wind development companies.

There are potentially many stakeholders and stakeholder groups that OkIPC has not reached, but that is not necessarily a bad thing. I believe that most have been reached but many individuals have not embraced that the OKIPC can be successful. I think the organization must show some success stories that have occurred in situations pertinent to Oklahoma.

I think we might have too many stakeholders at the moment. Trying to talk to all of them and spinning the issue to suit their constituents is diluting the message. What I think we might want to do is to focus on the logical stakeholders and get them to make a greater commitment.

Discussion regarding stakeholders reiterated what is written above. The BOD agreed that contact should be about information sharing and then follow up for potential of joining the organization. Entering into a Memorandum of Understanding was discussed as a possibility to gain more involvement with the stakeholders. Karen Hickman reiterated that the "big" stakeholders could be ODWC, ODAF, Dept of Ag., ODOT, NRCS, Dept of Tourism, OTA, County Commission Assoc, and Conservation Districts.

- d. What direction should we take concerning Oklahoma's lack of regulations concerning new invasive threats?
- i. As it appears that we are headed to a period of better budgets we should look at having something to propose such as giving the department of Ag authority and funding to eliminate any new invasive that might enter the state.

Pick a new state infestation of a very harmful invasive plant and try to get it widely publicized as just what is happening without any effort to prevent the predictable outcome.

I think this relates to being more effective legislatively as well as being a more visible/vocal partner with other stakeholder organizations.

I don't know, that is a tough question in an environment where few really want the burden of mandatory action that legislation brings. I think of something as simple as the musk thistle aspect of the original noxious weed law in Oklahoma and think back on how it fizzled after about 3 years. Maybe legislation of any sort remains unviable if there is no funding to enforce as well as lack of clarity concerning what agency or agencies would be charged with enforcement and funding to staff those agencies enforcing the regulations. I don't have high hopes for legislation being successful unless concrete evidence of damages can be shown. Can we think of any successful civil damages related to invasive species thus far levied against any entity? Maybe we find an invasive species for which there are very few or no defenders, which are in early stage of spread in Oklahoma and for which it does not add to someone's livelihood. That would be a species that all stakeholders could agree upon is a problem species. Only these types would likely be "game" for regulation. Next, narrow that pool of species down to those that aren't so wide spread that action can be taken to avoid further problems and for which people seemingly feel threatened. Avoid legislative attempts on species for which there is divisiveness amongst stakeholder groups as those can lead to lack of productivity.

Management plan - see above

Use economic impact of invasives report to support potential laws that could be cost saving.

The discussion regarding the direction that OkIPC should take regarding lack of regulations concerning invasive species threats in Oklahoma reiterated the above and the BOD agreed that the letter that Marla Peek is going to write to the legislators will be a good start to accomplishing this task/goal. It is also noted that Oklahoma does have a weed-free forage and mulch certification that it did not have before.

- e. To which committee would you like to contribute your talents? Are there any committees we should add?

- i. Not sure that the committees are functioning very well. Not really having meetings of the committee's.

Do not yet know the committees, will let you know next week

Maybe a partners' committee to focus on developing collaboration with other stakeholder organizations?

The committees can be made up of stakeholders and do not have to be limited to BOD members only.

End 2013 Strategic Planning Session

Tonya Dunn is to get the draft minutes to Karen Hickman as soon as possible after meetings so that she may review and send out reminders accordingly.

The next BOD meeting will be in March; Karen Hickman will email another meeting poll to determine best date for the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tonya N. Dunn, OkIPC Secretary