

THE OKLAHOMA INVASIVE PLANT COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE OFFICERS' & BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING  
THE NATURE CONSERVANCY, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA  
19 MAY 2010

Karen Hickman, president, called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. Marla Peek, Jay Pruett, Chad Cox, and Priscilla Crawford were in attendance.

The Minutes of the 11 March 2010 Officers' & Board of Directors' meeting were unanimously approved.

Committee Chairs reported on the committees' activities.

Karen Hickman reported for Bruce Hoagland, Science Committee Chair, that county lists of invasive plant species have been created. She passed out several of the county lists to attendees. Karen plans to send the county extension agents a copy of their counties' invasive species list. Priscilla Crawford will post these lists as a PDF on the website. Priscilla also said that a searchable database, similar to the database on the Texas Invasive Plant Council's site, is in the planning stages and will be a long-term project for her.

Karen also announced a project to model the potential distribution of kudzu in Oklahoma based on current occurrences. The model is being built by Thomas Stohlgren's lab at Colorado State. The results of this research will be presented at the annual meeting.

There was a discussion about including native invasive species on the county lists. Priscilla will send Karen the counties in which mesquite and cedar are found.

Marla Peek reported on the Policy Committee's recent activities. She is making an effort to stay – Marla involved in the State Legislature's Invasive Plant Task Force. Terry Peach (Sect of Ag, ODAFF) said OkIPC would be a source of information and should be involved. Marla will visit with him regarding the Task Force. The BOD and officers agreed to wait until the state budget negotiations are complete before engaging the lawmakers.

Chad Cox reported on the Education Committee's activities. Chad suggested that we develop a list of the 12 worst species per ecoregion. Karen asked Chad to draft a list for his ecoregion. We agreed to discuss over email and at next meeting.

The attendees discussed if economically important invasive grasses should be listed in our citizen science ecoregion lists. We decided to not include those species at this point.

Chad reported that he will be working with Blue Thumb group in Oklahoma City to develop our first citizen science group. They will focus on aquatic and riparian species.

Priscilla Crawford reported on the progress of the Membership & PR Committee. She passed out another draft of the membership brochure. Attendees made comments and pointed out typos. Priscilla will send Marla the brochure for printing at OFB.

Karen announced that *Oklahoma Today* published an article about TNC's Nickel Preserve that mentions invasive species. Karen asked the BOD and officers if they support her writing a letter to the editor on behalf of OkIPC saying that we appreciate their effort to educate the state on invasive species. The attendees all supported the idea.

Karen reported on the progress of the Annual Meeting Committee. She presented the tentative schedule, on which the BOD made suggestions. The schedule will be revised based on who can attend and agrees to speak. The attendees agreed to add a poster session and allow vendor booths during the meeting.

Attendees agreed to the following registration costs: \$30 members, \$55 non-members, \$20 student members, \$30 student non-members until July 4. Late/onsite prices – 50, 75, 30, 40 respectively

We have several sponsors already: Johnston seed; Conservation Districts; OSU; Farm Bureau room fee; Clarke industries (Doug Carroll). This includes monetary and in-kind donations. Karen has also asked several other agencies and groups.

Chad Cox gave the treasurers report.

Changes to the by-laws was discussed during new business. The changes to be voted on during the business meeting in July will include: change reference of OIPC to OkIPC and remove wording that stipulates that the Vice President serve one year.

Marla will go over the By-Laws and check for things that might need to be changed.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Priscilla H. C. Crawford

OkIPC Secretary