

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

Karen Hickman, President, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Karen Hickman, Bruce Hoagland, Marla Peek, Curtis Tackett, Chad Cox, Tim Bartram, Jay Pruett, Jim Harris, Brad Stumph, Jeanetta Cooper, and Priscilla Crawford were in attendance, with Clay Pope arriving later.

The Minutes of the 1 October 2010 Board of Directors' meeting were unanimously approved after minor revision.

Brad Stumph reported for the Education Committee. Being his first meeting of the BOD, Brad is learning his role in the OkIPC. He sees that there are three different audiences: the general public, agriculture producers, and agencies. There was a suggestion that there be weed free hay certification education for producers. Also, it was suggested that the general education could be broken down into ecoregion with the primary invasive threats for each ecoregion. This could be done in partnership with OSU Extension.

Tim Bartram suggested that OkIPC develop an exhibitor booth that could be displayed at a variety of meetings and events: Crop Improvement meeting, Cattlemen's Convention, Wildlife Expo, Vegetation Management Association meetings. Brad is tasked to look into buying display board. Tim is tasked with coming up with a list of potential venues. Another education and outreach idea is to produce a poster or fact sheet educating the public on native thistles and invasive thistles. Bruce Hoagland supported the idea of a comparison of native and invasive species; maybe a small poster that is easy to look at and carry with you. These kinds of posters could be displayed at grain elevators to educate producers before spraying. Bruce also thought we could produce a booklet after our native list settles down. We were also reminded of the all the other resources developed already. Jeanetta Cooper passed around a CD of invasive plants from [invasive.org](http://invasive.org). She will look into getting copies to put in annual meeting packet.

Marla reported on the Policy Committee activities. She has organized the Invasive Plant Task Force meeting for 5 January 2011, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the state capitol. Anyone can attend. Karen Hickman, Jay Pruett, Jeanetta Cooper, and others, not associated with OkIPC will be speaking.

Citizen Science Committee activities were reported by Chad Cox. Chad and Curtis Tackett conducted the Blue Thumb training. The website reporting mechanism for invasive species spotters has been set up. Chad and Curtis are working on a field guide for the Blue Thumb volunteers that focus on the aquatic species. Voucher specimens collected by the Citizen Scientists can be sent to the Oklahoma Biological Survey for deposition in the OU herbarium. It was suggested that directions for specimen preservation be put on the website. Chad has been working with ONPS and master naturalists. He also presented to Cleveland County Democratic Party. Curtis will pitch a story on OkIPC to Outdoor Oklahoma?

Priscilla Crawford reported on the Membership and Public Relations Committee. The newsletter was recently sent out. OkIPC members are encouraged to forward the newsletter to all those who should know about invasive issues in the state – including NRCS, all the state Conservation Districts, ODAFF website, ODWC newsletter recipients, Ron Hayes, etc...

Karen discussed the Annual Meeting plans. The next annual meeting will be 12 July 2011 at the Metro Tech in Oklahoma City. Speakers include: Dan Hines, Terra Nova Nurseries; Tom Stohlgren, USGS and Colorado State; Joe Armstrong, OSU. Karen would entertain additional speaker suggestions. Bruce suggested that there be a presentation on how to report invasive species. Priscilla suggested there be a presentation on restoration. Chris Hise from the TNC Four Canyon Preserve could speak on management plans. Tim suggested that we have slot open until the end of the legislation session to see what issues

might arise and need to be discussed. Clay and Jay both suggested there be a session on how tackling the invasive problem will improve the land. It was suggested that students could contribute posters to the meeting if there is a good place to post them.

Chad Cox gave the Treasurer's report. There is a balance of \$3774.02 in our account.

Karen discussed the Nomination Committee for the upcoming term. She stressed the importance of having consistency during this early period of our organization and hoped that BOD members would continue into the next term. We will need to nominate a President-Elect.

For new business Karen passed out a draft of the Oklahoma Invasive Species. As invasive natives, both eastern red cedar and mesquite have been added to the list. Karen went on to explain some of the differences in this list and previous lists. There are five categories proposed:

- Invasive species of primary concern
- Invasive species in Oklahoma with high likelihood of control
- Other Invasive species of concern in Oklahoma
- Watch list
- Broadly promoted but invasive

The category of "broadly promoted" was added to emphasize horticulture and agricultural uses of some invasives.

The BOD should go over the list and contribute information to help incorporate a variety of opinions into the list. Taking everybody's contributions, a computer program will collate and assign category from our information. Jay and Karen emphasized the need to be objective and have representation of diverse opinions with a lot of expert knowledge. They stated a preface would be written for the list to include the methods for deriving the list and rankings. It was suggested that known economic impact be included if known or reasonable estimated. BOD had until mid-January to make comments and send them to Karen.

Unless otherwise announced, the next OkIPC BOD meeting will be 25 February 2011 at 9:00 a.m. at the TNC OKC office. [the location has been changed to the Oklahoma Farm Bureau building in Oklahoma City].

The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Priscilla H. C. Crawford  
Secretary