

Texas Invasive Species Coordinating Committee Minutes

July 9, 2014

TWDB SFA Building Room 170

Austin, Texas

The meeting was convened by Mel Davis, Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board on July 9, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. Committee members attending were Dr. Ron Billings of Texas A&M Forest Service, Mel Davis of Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, Dr. Barron Rector of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, Dr. Earl Chilton of Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Caimee Schoenbaechler of Texas Water Development Board.

Guests: Johnny Oswald (TSSWCB), Dr. Michael Bodenchuck (USDA Wildlife Services), Nick Dornak (Plum Creek Watershed Partnership), Dr. Jerry Cook (Sam Houston State University), Marcus Gary (Edwards Aquifer Authority), Larry Hauck (Texas Institute for Applied Environmental Research), Awinash Bhatkar (TDA)

Mel Davis called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Davis began the meeting with a call to order and approval of the September 6, 2013 meeting minutes. The meeting minutes were approved with a motion made by Dr. Ron Billings of the Texas A&M Forest Service and Dr. Barron Rector of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion the majority ruled and the meeting minutes were approved. Mel Davis (TSSWCB) reminded the committee of the statutory purpose of the TISCC.

Ongoing projects, updates, and briefs were brought forth to the committee. Dr. Earl Chilton (TPWD) briefed the committee on Zebra Mussels, Floating Heart, and Giant Salvinia. Dr. Michael Bodenchuck (USDA Wildlife Services) updated the committee on federal programs to control feral hogs. Nick Dornak of the Plum Creek Watershed Partnership talked about Caldwell County's efforts on feral hog issues and the work they are putting forth to form a feral hog task force. Dr. Jerry Cook of Sam Houston State University shared the outcome of the Texas Invasives Plant and Pest Conference. Marcus Gary of the Edwards Aquifer Authority spoke about the Evaluation of Riparian Water Flux Patterns in the Upper Nueces, Sabinal, Frio, and Dry Frio Rivers, Texas in Relation to the Control of *Arundo donax*. Larry Hauck of the Texas Institute of Applied Environmental Research talked about the feasibility study to assess the control of Saltcedar in the O.H. Ivie Reservoir Basin.

The meeting was adjourned and the future meeting was planned to happen on September 10, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Loren Warrick (TSSWCB)