

Texas Invasive Species Coordinating Committee Minutes

April 20, 2015

Texas A&M Forest Service Headquarters Office

College Station, Texas

The meeting was convened by Mel Davis, Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board on April 20, 2015 at 10:00 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 Service, Dr. Earl Chilton of Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Dr. Awinash Bhatkar of Texas Department of Agriculture, and Mark Wentzel of Texas Water Development Board.

Mel Davis called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Davis began the meeting with a call to order and approval of the February 11, 2015 meeting minutes. The meeting minutes were approved with a motion made by Dr. Barron Rector of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and Dr. Ron Billings of Texas A&M Forest Service seconded the motion the majority ruled and the meeting minutes were approved..

Ongoing projects, updates, and briefs were brought forth to the committee. Loren Warrick and Mel Davis (TSSWCB) briefed the committee on Biological Control of Carrizo Cane, the agenda item was to be discussed by Dr. John Goolsby of USDA Agricultural Research Service, but he was unable to attend due to needing to be in Austin to present on the same topic to the Texas Legislature. Dr. Ron Billings of Texas A&M Forest Service updated the group about Invasive Species Management at the Texas A&M Forest Service. Dr. Hans Landel of the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center presented about the programs and the development of the invasive species management at the Lady Bird Johnson Center. Dr. Barron Rector presented on invasive plants management and the cactus moth interception, survey, and educational program at Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

The meeting was adjourned and the future meeting was planned to happen in September 2015 in Austin.

Respectfully submitted,

Loren Warrick (TSSWCB)