

Indiana Invasive Species Council

Public Meeting

May 22, 2013

Indiana Government Center South

402 W. Washington Street

Conference Room 2

1.1 MINUTES

Call to Order: John Jachetta called to order this meeting of the Indiana Invasive Species Council (IISC) at 10:19 am

1. Roll Call and Introductions:

- Eric Fischer, IDNR Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator
- Amy Cornell, Indiana State Department of Agriculture
- John Jachetta, Dow AgroSciences, Council Chairman
- Phil Marshall, IN State Entomologist, Department of Natural Resources Division of Entomology and Plant Pathology
- Steve Yaninek, Purdue University, Rep for Dean of Ag.
- Kristopher Krouse, Shirley Heinze Land Trust
- Philip Gramelspacher, Past President, Indiana Forestry and Woodland Owners Association
- John W. Williams—Director of Indianapolis Parks

Council Members not present:

- Bill Fielding, Indiana Dept. of Transportation
- Rick Haggard, Indiana Nursery and Landscape Association
- Sandi Norman, Indiana State Board of Animal Health

Also present were:

- Ellen Jacquart, The Nature Conservancy, IN Chapter
- John Baugh, Director of Ag Research Services Purdue
- Larry Bledsoe, Purdue University, CAPS
- Annemarie Nagle, Purdue University, Entomology
- Zack Deitch, TNC Intern
- Kallie Bontrager, DNR Department of Entomology and Plant Pathology

2. Adopt agenda and approve minutes from Sept. 26th, 2012 public meeting

- No additional agenda items, agenda approved unanimously
- J. Jachetta calls for a motion to adopt old minutes, unanimously approved.

3. Old Business:

I. Council Appointments

- a. Phil Marshall—There are two council positions open for industry reps. With a new governor, there may be some renewed interest for invasive species.
- b. Amy Cornell—Ben Evans is the new person handling board appointments, who is easier to get appointments with.
- c. Amy Cornell—Reviewed text of statute. Council consists of 11 members.
- d. J. Jachetta—Upon my retirement, there will be two industry and one research position open. John has a stand-in appointed at Dow AgroSciences (Louise Brinkworth) who manages research for range and pasture/ industrial vegetation management and is quite involved in invasive

- national invasive species awareness week? Would hope for an overlap, but so far do not see it.
- J. Jachetta—At our October conference, we will ask National Invasive Species Council what it is they do, what actions they are taking, and how we can work together to leverage our resources.
- k. Healthy Habitats Coalition discussion—Phil Marshall
- Primarily plants are the focus
 - HHC wants to reevaluate spending by Federal Agencies and commit 75% of their resources to on-the-ground invasive species management
 - J. Jachetta—this initiative started to develop “pull-through” for DuPont’s herbicide, aminocyclopyrachlor (Imprellis®). They initially were hoping to get this through the EPA faster by collecting a list of friends to impact EPA. HHC seeks to strip out resources from agencies and mandate that these resources be spent on direct invasive species control with 25% leftover for funding other agency interests. It sounds better now than before, but the personalities involved raise concern about the intent of this initiative.
 - E. Jacquart—there are still some very big questions about what they are actually proposing to do
 - J. Jachetta—healthy habitats has no love for the National Invasive Species Council and has actively sought the discontinuation of National Invasive Species Week; in its’ essence, HHC is a marketing stratagem imbedded in a noble cause (a Trojan horse).
- l. Council presentations in 2012
- Will track presentations given about the Council itself and our activities as well as invasive species presentations.
 - Presentations in 2014—perhaps council members can make short presentations about the council, there is an updated presentation on the website.
 - J. Jachetta—perhaps we can send out a note through various listservs asking which organizations are having meetings, conferences, talks, and include a note to contact council chair if interested in requesting a presentation
 - P. Marshall—we do have to make a written report to the NRSC this summer. Perhaps we can draft a quarterly report of Council activities to send out to listservs. Would be good publicity that the council exists and what it is doing, just one page.
 - Annemarie can extract accomplishments from minutes and draft semi-annual newsletter, summarize highlights chronologically, bullet point format, include invasive plant list link, photographs.
 - IFWOA, INLA, Tree Farm, Nature Conservancy, IISC listservs, farm bureau
- m. Emerging invasive species issues—Phil Marshall
- TCD is of big concern—beetle was found just north of Cincinnati, fumigated logs at the log yard where found
 - NC found the fungus but not the beetle December of last year
 - Officially today the TCD emergency rule is now permanent—the rule says importation of Juglans material into Indiana from infested states is illegal. This includes hardwood firewood.
 - Also concerned about ALB in Cincinnati
 - Are also monitoring for SOD, was found in an IN nursery last year
 - Also monitoring for HWA, will survey for it in area in LaPorte County where an infestation was found last year.
 - E. Jacquart—Division of Nature Preserves has invested a lot of time in mapping hemlock stands, surprisingly widespread in IN
 - P. Marshall—New governor has put a freeze on putting new rules/quarantines through until an unknown date. State agencies were told to compile all of their future rules and hold onto them.
 - 2013 is the first year since 1993 that we have not sprayed for gypsy moth in IN, indication that Slow the Spread program is working.

- Preparing to do kudzu treatments. The largest infestation is by zoo in Bloomington, treatment is cooperative effort between zoo, city, and DNR. Another kudzu location is in Evansville.
 - P. Gramelspacher-- will send coordinates of additional Kudzu infestation.
 - Weed management group volunteers are now monitoring kudzu treatment sites
 - L. Bledsoe—CAPS surveys now include kudzu bug, which is very prevalent in southern states and is an agricultural pest
 - Brown marmorated stink bug has been confirmed in 12 IN counties, it takes 6-9 years to develop into an economic problem, we first detected in 2010.
 - This will probably be the last year IN does EAB surveys.
 - S. Yaninek—met with APHIS, possible that IN will be beneficiary of a federal program to assist with eradication of the small feral hog populations that we have, APHIS has made a new commitment to feral hog control.
- n. Council report
- Presentation and report will likely be due August and September; newsletter will serve as an outline.
- o. Phil G.—NWOA puts out an email blast to members and state affiliates weekly, potentially a venue for info about invasives/council to get out there

Action Items:

J. Jachetta:

- Follow up with potential industry donors before departure
- Send A. Nagle a list of people at DOW to be thanked for donation
- Send K. Krouse a letter for requesting appointments.

E. Jacquart

- Summarize survey data and send out to email list, send to Annemarie for posting on webpage
- Provide info from Northeast states that have removed species like Norway maple from trade to assist in rule creation
- Work with A. Nagle to make contact with all conference speakers and finalize agenda

A. Nagle

- With help of E. Jacquart and T. Tremain, contact voice-to-voice all potential speakers and lock in final conference agenda
- Compile website statistics for next meeting
- Extract accomplishments from minutes and draft semi-annual newsletter, summarize highlights chronologically

P. Marshall

- Send A. Nagle a list of Forest Service conference invitees.
- Work with K. Bontrager on a nursery survey of what invasive plant species are being sold
- Work with L. Bledsoe on a proposal of agencies to manage data for each invasive species taxon

K. Krouse

- Will contact and see if Rick Haggard has received an appointment letter
- Contact Ben Evans
- Will schedule the next IISC meeting this coming September

P. Gramelspacher

- Will send coordinates of new Kudzu infestation to P. Marshall

S. Yaninek?

- Coordinates a press release for the Invasive Plant Advisory Committee survey results with a sidebar about the conference

Whole Council

- At our October conference, we will ask National Invasive Species Council what actions they are taking and how we can work together to leverage our resources.