

Sept. 10, 2020

TN-IPC Board Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Diane Warwick, Belinda Ferro, Bill Moll, Jimmy Groton, Byron Brooks, Margie Hunter, Sam King, Kitty McCracken, Christine Bertz

Minutes from last meeting move to approve by Kitty seconded by Jimmy

Treasures report:

See attached report from Christine

Motion to accept Sam second from Kitty, approved

There have been 2 inquiries for Brian Bowen, active donator in Williamson Co., Sam will forward information

By-laws revision from Belinda, table right now

Quarry initiative, list of users? Kris was going to do a presentation, Katy was working on this, TVA has specs for weed free quarry, but they haven't yet worked out the details, problems with NAISMA list. Kris had success with Vulcan. TDOT and TDEC get the large agencies to require the cert, ORNL is interested as well. Need to create the demand, there is a cost for the quarry with labor and chemicals. Cost would be passed on to the consumer. Need to circle back around with Katy to see if possible, to pass legislation to address the issue. We need buy-in from one person in the House and one in the Senate if someone could get them to buy into the idea, from the Dept. of Agriculture perspective, there is a need for legislation. Might be best to check if other states have legislation along this issue, Margie will ask Kris for information and keep Katy in the loop.

Grower Scott Thomas of Thomas Nursery in McMinnville 80-90% native plants Bill asked if he could join one of our calls and get commercial nurseries to discuss a list that perhaps the growers could develop. Privet is still being sold; it is in fact on the banned for sale list. Let Katy know if you see privet for sale, because it was banned in 2010-2012.

Conservation yard signs Bill will move forward with this, "No Invasives" sign or attach our logo to some of those other templates. Promote on the website the other organizations that align with our mission. Belinda just wanted to show neighbors that you put an effort into removing invasive plants. Develop a template that explains why things are dead and brown in your yard, some of us will make templates and send to Kitty for compilation. Canva.com for graphics and free layouts.

Pest plant additions we had to retreat on the additional plants to add to the list. Perhaps come at it from the reverse direction and put warning labels on the noxious plants. Sam is trying to meet in the middle with TN-IPC and Dept. of Agriculture. Growing interpersonal relationships is very difficult at this point.

Any labels we want will get push-backed in the Dept. or by the growers. Is it possible to get a meeting with Dept. of Agriculture Reps, TN-IPC reps and another meeting with Farm Bureau and rep from growers association? 2022 let's wait until the second term before we approach this idea. There will be a cost of the labels, might be easier to get the labels rather than get them to stop growing the plants. Other states had done a similar thing that was successful, research this and bring info for the next meeting.

State Parks landscaping policy. Cabins with nandina and miscanthus as landscaping. Style guide positively received by department leadership in TDEC. Based on the type of park, there will be different levels of landscaping policies.

TN-IPC plants that were taken off previous list, based on the fact they didn't invade intact forest habitats, but are still problematic in disturbed areas. Kitty proposes to take the entire list, then overlay the end use (roadside, yard, development) depending on the end user. Sort the list so that it would only spit out the plants that are more likely to occur in these scenarios.

TDOT, US army corps and TDEC, permits kept getting pushed back and forth. Crown vetch controversy. Immediate need to put crown vetch back on the list. Army Corps should default to the large list and they can send back project permits if they have invasive plants on the list. Comprehensive list should be using the 2009 list, and with the updated list. Natural areas, disturbed areas take off the 2009 and the 2018 dates. Redo the webpage and put the list at the top of the page. Margie will address this ASAP. Kitty will scan the entire list from 2009 and get it to Sam. Perhaps segment the lists into categories for different uses. TVA has a right of way guide and they have specific seed mixes for erosion control.

Invasives Conference, IPC wants to go ahead and have the meeting. Maybe a combination of virtual and in-person. Is there any role for us to play at the conference?

7 Nov. Weed Wrangle, TVA not allowing gatherings on their property

Christine has done a series of articles published in a couple of months, possibility to expand into the invasive plants.

Next Meeting:

Dec or Jan? Kitty will moderate, we will figure out the date. Probably right before the conference

Motion to adjourn Diane seconded by Kitty

End of Report