



INVASIVE PLANTS COMMITTEE MEETING

**St. John's Church near Center Point
Monday, March 7, 2011 -- 5:00 p.m.**

MEETING MINUTES

Attendance (added as per 4/04/2011 Minutes): Raoul Moore, Lisa Ellis, Ron Ellis,
Brian Gilmartin, Everett McMichael, Jim Spence, and Karen Staub

- I. Call to Order, 5:03 p.m. by Raoul
- II. Minutes of the February 7, 2010 Meeting, approved Jim 1st Karen 2nd
- III. Old Business:
 - A. CWMA Report – Raoul has an email thread with the director of Crawfordsville Park and Rec and Megan Benage of the CWMA for an event on the Rails to Trails west of Crawfordsville. Date still to be set. Hoosier Heartland RC&D has received a grant to fund a coordinator for the CWMA.
 - B. Eradication Tools – Loaning Tools Out – Status Report; We have most of what we need. Bev found a source for glasses. Karen made and Brian 2nded a motion to allow her to get some for work days.
 - C. Signage for Invasive Control Measures
 1. Awards Presented at SWCD Annual Meetings – Karen made presentation to almost all the events, Bev Clay County, with total attendees of 705. The counties were happy and want to continue.
 2. 60 mph Signs – Raoul has dropped off the rough copy of what we worked up from the last meeting. Chuck will be working up a demo for us to approve. Karen made two different signs, 24" x 30". She will keep one for displays and one will go to Dobbs to be put on a high profile spot.
 - D. ISU Earth Day – April 22nd – Bev will team with Keith who will have a table.
 - E. Froehde Woods 2011 Activities – April 2nd Joint IPC/Forestry Work Day; Susan will get a porta pot on site. Parking overflow will be a Hawthorne Park with NRCS van shuttle. Edu in AM and light work in PM. The road needs to have limbs cut back in the sides, grape vine control and Raoul wants to hit the walnut plantation. If you are coming to work bring your own tools but STRC&D will have hand tools there.

F. INPAWS Small Grant Program – Bev says we should hear this month.

IV. New Business:

A. New Invasive Sightings – Update on Control Measures and/or Concerns; Karen brought in an advertisement from the Brazil paper selling Palonias/Princess trees for \$3.98/tree. The ad copy made it sound really good! Jack Nelson said that down by the Ohio River there is a lot and there is a market but they do not do well up here where it gets below -10F. Karen noted that there are some around, Terre Haute, and Bellmore about 100 yards North of 36 on 59 on the east side. It has 3 trucks aggregated to 12-14”DBH.

B. April 16th at St. Mary’s is Education Committee, Karen will wear two hats!

C. June 11th at Dobbs Park, is an Education Committee event and once more two hat Karen.

D. Upcoming Invasive Plant Removal Workdays at Dobbs Park; The February 19th had 3, Jane Morse and Bill and Bev who got a good bit done. March 19th, and April 16th, We will be partnering with Terre Haute Parks, Audubon and TREES. Bev wants to set a May date of the 21st. No one in attendance had any problems with that.

E. The Putnam Co SWCD is having a native plant sale, \$2/tree/plant. Contact them soon for orders.

V. Next Meeting Plans: Monday, April 4, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.
Greencastle Service Center

VI. Adjourn 5: