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**Invasive Plants Committee Minutes**  
**Monday, April 4, 2011 -- 5:00 p.m.**  
**Greencastle Service Center**

Raul Moore, Chair

Keith Ruble, V. Chair

Bev Pestel, Secretary

Attendance: Raoul Moore, Jim Spence, Karen Staub, Bev Pestel, Brian Gilmartin, Susan Meadows, Ron Ellis, Lisa Ellis

- I. The meeting was called to order by Raoul at 5:05
  
- II. Minutes of the March 7, 2011 meeting were approved with the note that attendees need to be added.
  
- III. Old Business
  - A. CWMA – “Rails to Trails” in Montgomery County is a go for sometime in September or October  
At the last CWMA meeting Mike Warner talked about his new toy, a “Roothog” that attaches to a skidsteer for \$3600 for removing invasives. The grant was obtained to fund a coordinator for 2 years, this person will be available to all partners. Hoosier Heartland also has a grant to do invasive removal at a Girl Scout Camp.
  
  - B. Eradication Tools – Loaning Tools Out  
We have a good supply of loppers. We need to order Element 4. MOTION was made, seconded and approved to purchase Element 4 and invoice the office.
  
  - C. Signage for Invasive Control Measures  
60 mph Signs: nothing yet from Chuck
  
  - D. ISU Earth Day – April 22: Keith will be there and we can tag along on his booth. Bev will have a banner and make sure we have brochures.
  
  - E. Vigo County Woods 2011 activities – April 2 Joint IPD/Forestry Work Day  
28 people attended, it was a good crowd with a number of new people including representatives from INPAWS and WVAS. The core area was marked, the gate cleaned and primed, and initial work begun on TSI on grape vines and invasive removal along the east edge.

We need another day to work yet this spring, April 30 was set with the hope of getting the sing up, paint the gate, get a fence up along the road and possibly continue work on grape vine and invasive removal.

INPAWS and WVAS also have an interest in wildflower rescue in the building envelope and bird inventory. Details for these events will need to be worked out. We may also want to investigate re-activating the Fish and Wildlife Committee to work on the property.

F. INPAWS Small Grant Program: We didn't get it

#### IV. New Business

A. New Invasive Sightings: No new info

B. April 16 at Dobbs: A work day is planned. Carissa is sending out email notice to her list of volunteers.

C. Other: Nothing new

V. Next Meeting: Monday, May 2, 5:00pm @ St. John's (NOT CONFIRMED)

Adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes taken by Bev Pestel