

# TEXAS INVASIVE PLANT & PEST COUNCIL

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## **Board of Directors Meeting**

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

Austin, Texas

January 10, 2011

President Scott Walker (SW) called the meeting to order at 3:08pm.

Board members present were Damon Waitt (DW), Alexander Mathes (AM), Jim Houser (JH), Forrest Smith (FS), Earl Chilton (EC), Trey Wyatt (TW), Jim Reaves (JR), Paula Maywald (PM), Tom Phillips (TP), Mike Arnold (MA).

1. Minutes from the September 09, 2010 Board Meeting were considered for changes; none made. TW motioned approval; AM seconded; vote unanimous yes.
2. SW informed the Board that Jim Bergan, TIPPC VP, had resigned since he was moving out of state. Board discussion ensued on make-up of Board, vacancies on Board, and expanding Board positions to more NGOs and private citizens. SW directed FS to contact other groups to gauge interest in being represented on Board.
3. DW motioned for FS to fill Jim Bergan's unexpired term as VP. TW seconded. Vote unanimous yes.
4. Membership report by JH was not included materials sent to the Board by SW. SW will resend the report.
5. AM submitted Treasurer's Report. \$11,465 in bank but does not include some outstanding expenses. TW motioned approval; JR seconded; vote unanimous yes.

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6. SW introduced Jerry Cook (JC) from the Texas State University System (TSUS). JC had an informal meeting with TIPPC members in November. JC explained that researchers with the System are interested in banding together on invasive issues and research. TSUS is composed of institutions from around the state: Texas State, Lamar, Sul Ross, Sam Houston State. TSUS is composed of researchers that are organismal biologists and one of their strengths is from the animal/arthropod side. In summary, JC saw TSUS joining TIPPC as a good fit and would aid education and research. Board discussion ensued and result was that FS motioned for TSUS to join TIPPC and establish an MOA. MA seconded. Vote unanimous yes. JR motioned to add Jerry Cook as a Director of TIPPC; EC seconded; vote unanimous yes.

7. SW discussed options for the 2011 TIPPC Invasives Conference. Board discussed dates, number of days, days of the week, keynote speaker, committee chairs, program session chairs. SW is Conference Committee Chair. DW is Local Arrangements, Travis Gallo is Communications, TW is Sponsors and Exhibits, Registration is AM, Posters and CEUs is JH.

TW made a point of asking that the conference expand the topics past academia to economic impacts, legislative affairs, and citizen scientists.

8. EC detailed the process that Texas Parks and Wildlife was going through in developing a white or approved list for aquatic and riparian plants and animals in Texas as directed by the 2009 Legislature. Discussion ensued on the nuts and bolts of the process and the public view of the process. There was a consensus by the Board that this process is not directed by TIPPC but our concerns and help were offered.

9. DW presented the updates put in place for the web site [www.invasives.org](http://www.invasives.org) . He explained that more information was needed on

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invasive arthropods and animals and said the addition of TSUS was a step in this direction.

10. HB 338 before the Legislature was explained and discussed.

11. AM presented ideas to assist students to come to the conference, to present talks, to become more involved. DW motioned to designate \$2000 for student scholarships for the conference. JR seconded and vote was unanimous yes.

DW motioned adjournment; JR seconded; vote unanimous yes at 5:45pm.

Minutes submitted by JH, Secretary.