

Hardwood Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

April 3, 2019

Present

Rick Gurrola
Gary Spanfelner
Martin Spannaus
Scott Hill
Brin Greer
Josh Davy
Justin Hamilton
Andrew Bray

Absent

Burt Bundy
Dawn Pedersen

Call to Order

The Hardwood Advisory Committee meeting was called to order at 2:08 pm on April 3, 2019 at 1834 Walnut St., Red Bluff, CA 96080 by Josh Davy.

Approval of the January March 6, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Motion to accept the Oak Hardwood Advisory Committee Minutes from March 6, 2019.

Motion: Josh Davy
Second: Gary Spannaus

Motion carried

Old Business

a. Tehama County Voluntary Oak Woodland Management Plan (Plan)

- Several committee members sent plan updates and revisions to Rick. Rick read the updates to the committee.
- Rick suggested all statistics throughout the Plan be updated.
- The list of endangered, threatened and declining species in Appendix IV will be updated.
- Will possibly add references to studies mentioned in the Plan.
- Williamson Act information may need to be updated as there are no new enrollees.
- Josh would like to delete Section C “Reestablish native understory species.” Brin suggested keeping it and re-wording it to something along the lines of “...planting desirable competitive plants that help choke out invasive species...”. Josh can possibly come up with a list of competitive plants
- Rick will update the population statistics in the Plan
- Wood Harvest statistics will be difficult to find due to cash basis businesses and a lack of reporting
- Brin would like to see information about troubleshooting and pests of Oaks, particularly the Goldspotted Oak Borer.
- Rick informed the committee of a CDFA program: Report a Pest that is available to the public. The Ag Dept will also send samples to Sacramento for identification.
- Josh discussed Native Armillaria; a root fungus disease that has caused a large number of Oaks to die.

- Gary suggested woodcutters bleach their blades between trees to avoid spread of disease.
- A new Section “F” should be added to page 14 titled “Pest and Disease Prevention” or “Pest Identification and Prevention”.
- Josh is looking for suggestions for a new photo for the cover of the Plan.
- Andrew would like to add information to Section 2 regarding the long term impact of construction on Oaks. Possibly add a statement along the lines of “...preserve special habitat elements on your property...”.
- Brin feels the Plan is a good way to make people aware of defensible space when building.
- Martin suggested tying the 2 together in the Plan somewhere: defensible space and preserving habitat

b. Oak Woodlands Pamphlet

- Josh would like to add the goals of the plan on page 3 to the pamphlet
- Things to address in the pamphlet:
 - Why do we care?
 - What species do we (landowners) look for?
 - What landowners can do – include it in bullet points with a link to the plan
 - Goals and Economic value
- Brin suggested condensing the section on Land Values on page 6 into bullets for the pamphlet.
- Andrew will condense the new Insect and Disease List for the pamphlet

c. Treasury Account

- Rick shared a County ledger sheet with the committee showing there was a last known balance of \$202.35 in the Treasury account as of April 2011
- The treasury funds may not be used to purchase refreshments for the Hardwood Advisory Committee meetings
- Per the Auditor/Controller, the treasury funds can be reinstated to a ledger account

Motion to reinstate treasury funds

Motion: Scott Hill
 Second: Brin Greer
 Motion carried

- The decision was made to appoint a Treasurer

Motion to appoint Scott Hill as Treasurer

Motion: Josh Davy
 Second: Gary Spanfelner
 Motion carried

New Business

- Josh asked for “sign-ups” for edits to the Plan
- Rick volunteered to convert the Plan into a Word document with the first set of changes incorporated and tracked. It will be emailed to committee members.
- Andrew volunteered to put together an Insect and Disease List
- Josh will target Fertility and Planting
- Brin will target Economic Value
- Scott will target Wildlife
- Rick offered to take on anything in the Plan that has to do with County Departments (e.g. Administration, Assessor and Planning)
- There was discussion about bears and the amount of damage they can incur

Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

- The next committee meeting date will be May 3, 2019 at 2:00 pm in the Walnut Room.
- Meeting was adjourned at 3:21 pm by Josh Davy