

SC EPPC Meeting Notes 4/12/2006 Congaree National Park

Participants: Mark Caldwell Tera Baird Katherine Boyle Robin Mackie Roger Caulder Valerie Carter-Stone Pete Harrison Terry English John Nelson Bert Pittman Barbara Daniels Newt Hardie Louis W Adams, Jr. Alex Gregg Colette DeGarady John Brubaker Bill Hulslander Theresa Yednock Nick Drozda Randy Westbrooks Nancy Fraley

Presenters: Randy Westbrooks, Robin Mackie, Bill Hulslander

Action Items

1). The Group agreed with the need to maintain a SC EPPC Chapter, but decided to form an Interim Board, for the purpose of recruiting a diverse, driven, committed board members and a leader. The interim board includes the following.

Valerie Carter-Stone and Pete Harrison (SCPRT)

Tara Baird (USFWS, will check with both refuges and Ecological Services to determine most appropriate person for the board)

John Brubaker – Possible SC Representative to SE EPPC Meeting

Randy Westbrooks (USGS)

Nancy Fraley (NPS)

Robin Mackie (USFS)

Colette DeGarady (TNC)

Larry Nelson (Clemson University)

Bill Hulslander (NPS)

Bert Pittman (SCDNR, will check most appropriate person to serve)

Barbara Daniels (Urban Kudzu Task Force)

2). Each interim board member agreed to give thought and make contacts to identify board members with serious intent to play an active role as board member to SC EPPC. All will report findings at a conference call taking place on a date TBD (likely May 2, 3 or June 1). Other agencies/groups needing representation include, but are not limited to:

NRCS

SC Forestry Commission

Master Gardeners

State Nurseryman's Association

APHIS

County Cooperative Extension Agents

Nancy Fraley suggested we send a letter to various agency/NGO heads under the SC EPPC letterhead, inviting participation on the board or on committees. She will send us an example letter from TN EPPC.

3). The group agreed with the need to identify committees, and committee leaders. To date, the following committees have been tentatively identified:

Early Detection and Response for SC – Randy Westbrooks, leader

Kudzu Task Force for SC – Newt Hardie (?), leader

Updates to the SC Invasive Species List – Nick Drozda, leader

Invasive Species Inventories/GIS – Alex Gregg, leader

4). Everyone is encouraged to familiarize themselves with web site information on www.invasive.org and se-eppc.org (SC EPPC Chapter bylaws and SC Invasive Species list)