



RECORD OF DECISIONS

**Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan
Scientific Advisory Committee
February 15, 2012, 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM
Reicher Ranch Cana House
3621 South Ranch Road 620
Austin, Texas 78738**

Attending:

David Steed
Craig Farquhar
Monica Swartz
John Cornelius
John Herron
Jean Krejka

Excused:

Nico Hauwert

1. **Review and adopt minutes from committee of the whole from 10/20//2011 -** Motion from John Herron to adopt the actions of the Committee of the Whole for the Scientific Advisory Committee from 10/20/11, Second by Swartz, Carried 6/0
2. **WTP4 Jollyville Transmission Line update** – Chuck Lesniak provided a written report. David Johns gave a briefing. No action.
3. **Crazy Ant working group and monitoring** – Dr. Ed LaBrun from the University of Texas Brackenridge field station gave a briefing about Raspberry Crazy Ants. This imparted Invasive ant species has been an ongoing invasive species issues on near the upper Gulf Coast for several years and was recently observed in two locations in Travis County. Monica Swartz introduced a resolution to consider. It was adopted with a friendly amendment asking the Coordinating Committee to elevate this issue to a broader audience in Austin and Travis County and to ask them to take action to address the risk of Raspberry Fire ant invasion here. .Motion to adopt as amended from Swartz, Second by Herron carried 6/0
4. **Subcommittee reports**
 - a. Mountain Bike Experimental Design – David and Lisa advised members that they were taking actions to reconvene the subcommittee formerly led by Steve Windhager. Dr. Steed asked Members Farquhar and Cornelius to join this subcommittee. He also asked to invite Chuck Sexton to join the subcommittee. He also asked to schedule a field trip for subcommittee members to visit the sites studied in recently published research MOUNTAIN BIKING TRAIL USE AFFECTS REPRODUCTIVE SUCCESSOF NESTING GOLDEN-CHEEKED

WARBLERS; Davis et al 2010. Dr. Steed will be sending members a copy of the publication.

- b. Karst – Tabled
 - c. BCP Research Strategic Plan – Swartz Monica Swartz submitted a proposal to create a BCP wide Strategic Research plan and Committee. She solicited members from within BCP and from organization outside who might have a stake in this plan. Members will submit nominations directly to Monica.
5. **Staff Updates** – Written and verbal Reports were submitted by Lisa O'Donnell and Rose Farmer.
 6. **BCP research Updates** – Monica Swartz gave a verbal report for St. Edwards University and Wild Basin
 7. **Members Issues and Concerns**
 - a. **Private Spring Protection** – no action