

**Pollinator Protection Working Group**  
**Monthly Zoom Call**  
8/2/21  
Call Notes

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**Pollinator Protection Working Group Members Present:**

- Loren LaPointe
- Amanda Hauff
- Sasha Mizenin
- Nina Hapner
- Jasmine Brown
- Ed Spevak
- Jim Mossett
- Brittani Clairmont

**1. Topics and speakers to revisit – presented by Sasha Mizenin**

Dr. Judy Wu-Smart; Department of Entomology, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

- Information from previous presentation:
  - Sub-lethal effects of honeybees
  - Possible connections to soil pesticide effects on bees
- Feedback from the group:
  - The working group doesn't remember this presenter, so it may be a good person to revisit, especially if she can speak to other pollinators than honeybees.
  - Likely has connections with other researchers on native pollinators (which is of more interest to tribes)

Mace Vaughn; Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation Co-Director

- Information from previous presentation:
  1. Bee City USA
  2. Bring Back the Pollinators Campaign (Karena promoting pollinators, encourage land management practices comment)
  3. Farm Bill practices for conservation (Jim comment; restoring land comment)
  4. Seed lists (EJ) (Karena Plant list comment; Jim comment)
  5. Harmful pesticide database website: <https://pesticideimpacts.org/> (Karena comment; effect of pesticides on bees comment)
- Feedback from the group:
  - The working group would like to follow up with Mace on ongoing tribal projects with the following questions:

- What regions are they working in and are there others that they are looking to get involved with? What tribes are affiliated, and what they have done?
- Nina: We are trying to start a project but the timing doesn't work with starting a project and then waiting for reimbursement
- What type of projects? (Because we want pollinator and tribal preservation, focused on native pollinator preservation, not another tribal garden project).
- Brittani: Does Mace know anything about the Farm Bill, anything new with this bill to discuss and disclose to tribes? Would be good to have this be a reoccurring recap meeting of the updates to the bill, etc.
  - Brittani: Has connections to a range specialist who is part of her tribe, she volunteered to reach out to him to see if he can speak 20 minutes during the next meeting.
- Loren will follow up with Mace.

#### Jane Breckenridge (Tribal Alliance for Pollinators)

- Information from presentation:
  - TAP is bringing together cutting-edge scientific protocols for monarch/pollinator habitat restoration with traditional ecological knowledge to create a new model for conservation collaboration.
  - Nina: Larry mentioned TAP before (maybe check in to see what he knows as well?)
- Information shared by Ed Spevak:
  - TAP is mostly focused in Oklahoma
  - Chip Taylor is a colleague of Jane Breckenridge.
  - They want to expand to food sovereignty issues: such as native plant gardens, seeds, transportation department to keep pollinators for native plants, etc.
  - TAP works mostly with Monarchs.

#### Dr. Diane Cox-Foster, USDA

- Information from presentation:
  - Can share method for “pollen trap/ screens” to test pollen loads i.e.: Ag- Clothiadin, Urban- Dinotefuran Safari (compounds interacting together)
  - “Focused Call” to continue Q&A session – did this happen?
  - Bee partner survey ?
- Feedback from group:
  - It would be great to reconnect with Dr. Cox-Foster about the new research on honeybee/native pollinator competition, looking for bees on public lands, and the large project going on looking at nonnative populations of honeybees.
    - Nina: What pollinates our native foods? → Focus on preserving native pollinators

#### Soil specialist

- Look for a contact

- Brittani went to a soil symposium recently and could look through contacts to see if there are any optional speakers

#### Region 9 Pollinator Protection Template

- The group should revisit this project and see if the template can be simplified for wide distribution.
  - A dusted off, simplified version can be more useful to tribes
  - Jasmine: can use TPPC funds to distribute a hard copy
- Find out what tribe used the template and any outcomes.
  - Nina: What feedback did tribes receive after sending it? Why tribes did it or didn't do it? There is pushback from tribes on this, what is the history? Are you aware of this template?
  - Brittani: Her tribe started the template on native pollinators, but lost track of it. We would like it to be more informative, easy for everyone to read/understand it.
  - Nina: We would like to be informed and provide some habitats for local pollinators before a full-blown state plan
- Loren will follow up on this item.

#### Questionnaire/Website Update

- Loren will update website (blurb about program) and put Ed's survey link
  - Nina: Would be nice to include: "what do you need assistance with?"
  - Brittani: Would be nice to include: A question that asks which topics (of pollinators) are interesting to you? Are you interested in presenting what you have done with pollinators with us?
- Nina will take lead on the survey.