

STATE PRESERVES ADVISORY BOARD

February 10, 2015, 10:00 AM
 4th Floor Conference Room, Wallace State Office Building
 502 E. 9th Street
 Des Moines, IA 50319

---Agenda Topics---

1	Approve Agenda	Decision
2	Approve Minutes of October 2014 Meeting	Decision
3	Iowaville tract as potential new preserve – An archaeologically significant tract of land along the Des Moines River near Iowaville in Van Buren County is being nominated as a potential state preserve.	Information – Cindy Peterson and John Wenck
4	Riggelman-Soenksen Woods as potential new preserve – A natural woodland in western Iowa owned by the Crawford County Conservation Board and the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation is being nominated as a potential state preserve.	Information – Glenn Pollock
5	Gitchie Manitou State Preserve – An update on the status of the proposed Blood Run State Park and its potential involvement of Gitchie Manitou State Preserve.	Information – Michelle Wilson and Todd Coffelt
6	Spirit Knoll research presentation – One of the research and inventory projects supported by Preserves Board funding in 2013-14 was a study of the butterflies, moths, and plants of Spirit Knoll by Jerry Selby, who will present a summary of his findings.	Information – Jerry Selby
7	Spirit Knoll boundary issue – A discrepancy in the boundary between DNR land and an adjoining private tract has been traced to an error in the deed description. The DNR is working with the neighbors on an agreement to correct the legal description by moving the boundary slightly to the east. This agreement should be in place by the end of March.	Information–Todd Rozendahl
8	Spirit Knoll management plan – A proposed prairie management plan for the preserve has been developed among managers, archaeologists, and insect experts that identifies zones for prescribed burning, conservation grazing, and mechanical brush control, including a large no-grazing zone centered on archeological features and several permanent non-burn refugia for fire-sensitive insects.	Information – John Pearson
9	Spirit Knoll name change – Making use of a Native American word for the great-horned owl, “Heendah Hills” has been suggested by Lance Foster as a new name for the preserve. John Dorshuk, director of the Office of the State Archaeologist, has endorsed this suggestion.	Decision – John Pearson

10	Marietta Sand Prairie conservation assessment and management plan – This 17-acre preserve was dedicated in 1984; in 2006, an additional 212 acres were added as buffer. In 2013, the Preserves Board funded a conservation assessment of the original 17-acre preserve as one of six preserves studied in Iowa by Dr. Wayne Schennum. The Iowa Prairie Network then funded additional work by Dr. Schennum to write a management plan for the whole 219-acre site (becoming the first written plan for the preserve). The Marshall County Conservation Board, which owns and manages this property, has reviewed and accepted this plan; concurrence from the Preserves Board is requested.	Decision – John Pearson
11	Rolling Thunder Prairie management plan – The Iowa Prairie Network also funded Dr. Schennum’s work to write a management plan for this 123-acre preserve in Warren County, also resulting in the first-ever written plan for this preserve. The Warren County Conservation Board, which owns and manages this preserve, has reviewed and accepted this plan; concurrence from the Preserves Board is requested.	Decision – John Pearson
12	Request for Proposals – A draft of the Request for Proposals for Research and Inventory on state preserves for the 2015-16 fiscal year has been prepared. Suggestions for additions or modifications are welcome.	Decision – John Pearson
13	50th Anniversary of State Preserve system – Established in 1965, the State Preserve system reaches its 50 year anniversary in 2015. The Iowa Native Plant Society, which reaches its 20 th anniversary this year, has proposed to organize a commemorative event in northeast Iowa on the weekend of May 23-25 to celebrate both milestones with a series of field trips and a dinner.	Information – John Pearson
14	General Discussion	
15	Meeting Schedule for 2015	Decision