

STATE PRESERVES ADVISORY BOARD

July 7, 2016, 10:00 AM
 Decorah City Hall
 400 Claiborne Drive
 Decorah, IA 52101

Three field trips will be held in association with the meeting:

- July 6, 1:00 PM - Crossman Prairie and Hayden Prairie state preserves; start at Crossman Prairie.
- July 7, 8:00 AM - Decorah Ice Cave State Preserve, Ice Cave Road 1 mile east of College Drive.
- July 7, 1:00 PM (optional) - Decorah Fossil Site; meet at City Hall to drive to site.

---Agenda Topics---

1	Approve Agenda	Decision
2	Approve Minutes of April 2016 Meeting	Decision
3	Decorah Ice Cave – Members will have toured Decorah Ice Cave State Preserve prior to the business meeting. This will be opportunity for discussion.	Information - Andy Nimrod and John Pearson
4	Retz Woods – The Nature Conservancy requests concurrence of the Preserves Board to enter into agreement for management and transfer of Retz Woods State Preserve to the Clayton County Conservation Board.	Decision – Scott Moats
5	Hardin City Woodland – During a dispute over a river access easement near the preserve, use of a site located at the bottom of a steep hill within the Hardin City Woodland State Preserve been suggested as possible alternate canoe launch. The Preserves Board is requested to determine the acceptability of the proposal.	Decision – Wes Weise
6	Heendah Hills – Update on June 21 meeting with Michael Bousselot, Chief of Staff of the Governor’s Office regarding the status of the proposal to dedicate Heendah Hills as a state preserve	Information – Wayne Phipps and Bruce Trautman
7	Research funding outcome – At the April meeting, the Board identified five proposals totaling \$39,986 as priority items. Budget shortfalls prevented full implementation of this recommendation, but three items totaling \$30,721 were funded with one additional proposal assigned to DNR Preserves staff.	Information – John Pearson
8	Decorah Fossil Site – This unique fossil site located on the edge of Decorah will be described by staff of the Iowa Geological Survey. An optional field trip will take place following the business meeting.	Information - Paul Liu and Robert McKay
10	General Discussion	Board