



STATE PRESERVES ADVISORY BOARD

Friday, October 8, 2004 – 8:30 AM

Floyd County Conservation Board
Fossil and Prairie Center
Two miles west of Rockford on County Road B47

The Board will tour the Prairie and Fossil Park Thursday October 7. The tour will start at the Fossil and Prairie Center (two miles west of Rockford on County Road B47) at 1:00 PM and is open to the public.

---Agenda Topics---

1	Approve Agenda	Decision
2	Approve Minutes of July Meeting	Decision
3	Lamson Woods – A walking trail through the northeast part of Lamson Woods has been proposed to connect with a new trail outside of the preserve. At the July meeting the Board requested preparation of a plan to address future trail maintenance. The plan is included for the Board’s approval.	Decision (John Pearson)
4	Preserve nomination updates: Banister-McGregor Woods - The draft management plan for the proposed preserve will be circulated for review as soon as it is available. Hartman Bluff - Dedication papers have been signed by the County Conservation Board, Board of Supervisors, and Preserves Board chairman. Awaiting Governor’s signature.	Information (John Pearson)
5	Seed Harvest Request – Mr. John Shepard was given permission to harvest seed from Cedar Hills Sand Prairie. He will use the seed on his property, which is in the same section as the preserve. Collection of seed from the preserve ensures that local ecotype seed is used for the proposed restoration.	Information (John Pearson)
6	Scenic Preserve – The final report of the scenic preserve study is included with the agenda. The Board is asked to adopt the report recommendations.	Decision (Mark Ackelson)
7	Fossil and Prairie Park – The Floyd County Conservation Board has nominated the Fossil and Prairie Park for preserve dedication. A draft management plan will be provided to Board members for review.	Information (Doug Schroeder and Barbara McKinstry)
8	Preserve Management Report Forms – At the July meeting the idea of providing preserve managers with a short report form to describe management activities was mentioned. Copies of a draft form prepared by Dennis Schlicht for prairie preserves was included for review.	Information (Neil Bernstein)
9	Research Updates – Jerry Selby submitted a progress report on a butterfly survey of several northwest Iowa prairie preserves.	Information (Daryl Howell)

10	Seed Harvest Policy – Staff requests that the Board review the seed harvest policy. The current policy does not address harvesting hay from the preserves and its potential use as a seed source.	Decision (John Pearson and Daryl Howell)
11	Preserve Visits – Short reports concerning recent visits to various preserves by Board members and staff.	Information (Neil Bernstein)
12	Open Discussion	(Neil Bernstein)
13	Meeting Schedule for 2005	Decision (Neil Bernstein)