



# STATE PRESERVES ADVISORY BOARD

October 28, 2009 8:30 AM

**Starr's Cave Nature Center  
Starr's Cave Park and Preserve  
Burlington, Iowa**

On Tuesday October 27, the Board will tour Starr's Cave Park and Preserve and view alternatives and revisions to the bicycle trail proposed to pass through the preserve. The tour will leave from the Starr's Cave Nature Center at 1:15 PM. The tour is open to the public.

## ---Agenda Topics---

1	<b>Approve Agenda</b>	Decision
2	<b>Approve Minutes of May Meeting</b>	Decision
3	<b>Starr's Cave Ecological Management Plan and Flint River Trail Route</b> – At the May 8, 2009 meeting, the Board requested staff to prepare a management plan for the Starr's Cave State Preserve. DNR, Des Moines CCB, and Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission staff met onsite in July to discuss vegetation management and to evaluate alternatives to the Flint River Trail proposed to pass through the preserve. The draft ecological management plan and trail alternatives analysis are included with this agenda package for review and comment. Decisions will be needed on approval of the ecological management plan and on approval of a revised trail proposal.	Decision (John Pearson and Daryl Howell)
4	<b>Cedar Hills Sand Prairie</b> – The NRCS has approved a Wetland Reserve Program (WRP) application for the Bill Colwell Property located immediately west of Cedar Hills Sand Prairie State Preserve. As the owner and manager, The Nature Conservancy (TNC) would like to provide Mr. Colwell with seed from the preserve to seed his uplands and to a lesser degree his wetlands. Due to the proximity of this property, TNC is concerned about the use of outside seed sources and feel that using seed from Cedar Hills will effectively expand the ecological borders of the preserve. TNC is also planning to perform a prescribed burn there this fall and possibly again next spring.	Decision (Matt Fisher, TNC)
5	<b>Williams Prairie Legal Description Correction</b> – The Nature Conservancy is requesting that the articles of dedication be amended for Williams Prairie State Preserve to correct typographical errors in the original legal description. The Nature Conservancy is the owner of the preserve. A public notice was published in the Iowa City Press Citizen to allow for public comment as required by Iowa Code 465C.9 and 465C.11. No comments were received from the public. Letter with full details was included in agenda package.	Decision (Jennifer Filipiak, TNC)
6	<b>Glenwood Archaeological State Preserve</b> – A dedication ceremony will be held for our newest preserve at the Glenwood Resource Center on October 22. Dedication of the 906 acre preserve will protect over 100 known archaeological sites including at least 27 earth lodge sites that are related to the Glenwood	Information (Daryl Howell and John Pearson)

	culture, also known as the Nebraska phase of the Central Plains tradition. Under agreement with the DNR, the Mills County Conservation Board will manage the preserve.	
7	<b>Dr. Lois Tiffany</b> – Dr. Tiffany passed away on September 6, 2009. She served as a member of the State Preserves Advisory Board from 1995 to 2001 and had a long and productive career at Iowa State University. Details of her career and many accomplishments are attached.	Information (Deb Lewis)
8	<b>Open Discussion</b>	Information (Cindy Peterson)
8	<b>January Meeting and 2010 Schedule</b> – Set meeting dates and locations for 2010.	Decision (Cindy Peterson)