

STATE PRESERVES ADVISORY BOARD

Tuesday, September 26, 2023 8:00 AM - Noon

DNR Upper Maquoketa Wildlife Unit Headquarters
1282 120th St, Strawberry Point, Iowa 52076
(located on East Entrance road of Backbone State Park)

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A field tour of White Pine Hollow State Preserve will be held on Monday, September 25, Noon - 5 PM:
meet at South Entrance, north end of White Pine Lane, 2 miles west of Luxemburg off Hwy 3.
The field tour and business meeting are open to the public.

---Agenda Topics---

1	Approve Agenda	Decision
2	Approve Minutes of Past Meeting	Decision
3	Consolidation of Preserves Board - The Boards and Commissions Review Committee, created in the Governor's alignment bill, is responsible for reviewing the efficiency and effectiveness of all boards, commissions, and other similar entities created in Iowa law. Based on the Committee's ongoing review, its members have proposed preliminary recommendations, including merging the State Preserves Advisory Board with the Natural Resource Commission. The Committee is required to submit a report containing its final findings and recommendations to the Governor and the general assembly no later than September 30, 2023.	Information – <i>Alex Moon, DNR Deputy Director</i>
4	Crossman Prairie and Hoffman Prairie state preserves - The Iowa Chapter of The Nature Conservancy requests concurrence of the Preserves Board to transfer ownership and management of these two preserves from The Nature Conservancy to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.	Decision – <i>Graham McGaffin, The Nature Conservancy</i>
5	White Pine Hollow forest management plan - After consideration of field trips, previous board meeting discussions, and input from various experts, a decision regarding the proposed forest management plan for the preserve is needed. Most at issue are proposals to stimulate regeneration of oak and pine in two stands by harvest of canopy trees.	Decision – <i>John Pearson, DNR ecologist (facilitator)</i>
6	White Pine Hollow waypoint signage [tentative] - To facilitate emergency response to rescue lost hikers and hunters, the New Vienna Luxemburg Fire Department requests permission to establish four waypoint signs in White Pine Hollow State Preserve.	Decision - <i>Terry Menke, New Vienna/Luxemburg Fire Department</i>
7	Adjourn	Decision