

**ILLINOIS NATURE PRESERVES COMMISSION AGENDA  
TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-FIRST MEETING**

Illinois Department of Natural Resources  
Lake Level Conference Rooms A, B & C  
One Natural Resources Way  
Springfield, IL 62702

January 29, 2019, 10:00 a.m.

\*Documentary Material Enclosed

**Item 1: Call to Order, Roll Call, and Introduction of Attendees**

**Item 2:\* Adoption of Agenda**

**Item 3:\* Approval of Minutes for the 230<sup>th</sup> Meeting September 11, 2018**

**Item 4: Next meeting dates and locations**

May 14, 2019	Crystal Lake Park District, Crystal Lake, IL
September 10, 2019	Douglas-Hart Nature Center, Mattoon, IL

**Item 5:\* INPC Staff Report**

REPORT  
Valerie Njapa  
Nature Preserves Commission

**Item 6: IDNR Staff Report**

REPORT  
Ann Holtrop, Chief, Division of Natural Heritage  
Connie Waggoner, Assistant Director, Office of Realty & Capital Planning  
Department of Natural Resources

**Item 7:\* Endangered Species Protection Board Report**

REPORT  
Joyce Hofmann  
Endangered Species Protection Board

**Item 8: Adams Co. – Allendale Spring Land and Water Reserve, Registration**

Edward Behrensmeyer seeks to register the 20.01-acre Allendale Spring Land and Water Reserve located in southern Adams County. The site lies on the border of the Western Forest-Prairie Division, in the Galesburg Section and the Middle Mississippi Border Division, in the Glaciated Section, and contains moderate quality dry mesic woods and a stream that contributes to Pigeon Creek. This site is within the Mississippi River Conservation Opportunity Area identified by the Illinois Wildlife Action Plan (IWAP), and supports two endangered species of bats (Indiana bat, *Myotis sodalis*, and Northern long-eared bat, *Myotis septentrionalis*), and at least five Species in Greatest Need of Conservation. Protection and management of this reserve will help meet the goals of two IWAP campaigns: Forest and Woodlands, and Streams.

REPORT

Heather Osborn

Nature Preserves Commission

ACTION TO BE CONSIDERED

Approval for Registration

**Item 9:\* JoDaviess Co. – Oneota Addition to Wapello Land and Water Reserve, Registration**

The Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation (JDCF) proposes to permanently register 160.22 acres as the Oneota Addition to Wapello Land and Water Reserve. The proposed Oneota Addition is in the Wisconsin Driftless Natural Division and will protect significant Native American cultural resources. It will also protect an approximately 1.2-mile segment of the west half of the Apple River Illinois Natural Areas Inventory Site (INAI #1647). This INAI site was recognized in 2003 by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) as a Category II site providing suitable habitat for one state-threatened animal species. The INAI also designates this same portion of the Apple River as a Category VI site as a high-quality mussel stream segment. The preservation of Native-American cultural resources at the original Wapello Reserve was the first time such features were used to justify inclusion of a property into the Illinois Nature Preserves System (2006). Since that time, the JDCF has established itself as the leading non-profit conservation organization in Illinois that protects unique Native American cultural resources, while restoring and re-creating native wildlife habitats. If approved, the total area of land protected at the Wapello Land and Water Reserve will increase to 333.67 acres.

REPORT

John C. Nelson

Nature Preserves Commission

ACTION TO BE CONSIDERED

Approval for Registration

**Item 10:\* Kankakee Co. – Additions to Sweet Fern Savanna Land and Water Reserve, Registration**

Sweet Fern Savanna, located in the Kankakee Sand Area Section of the Grand Prairie Natural Division, was originally registered by Dr. Marianne Hahn as a land and water reserve in 2001, and was 62 acres in size. Subsequent additions to the land and water reserve, registered by both Dr. Hahn and the Illinois Chapter of The Nature Conservancy (occurring in 2005, 2006,

2007, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2016, and 2018), have increased the size of the land and water reserve to approximately 163 acres. Sweet Fern Savanna Land and Water Reserve is recognized on the Illinois Natural Areas Inventory (INAI # 1581) for its high-quality dry-mesic sand savanna and for the habitat it provides for 15 state-threatened or endangered plants, and the state-threatened black-billed cuckoo (*Coccyzus americanus*), ornate box turtle (*Terrapene ornata*), and regal fritillary butterfly (*Speyeria idalia*). Sweet Fern Savanna also provides habitat for an additional 5 insect species and 15 vertebrate Species in Greatest Need of Conservation. This proposal is for the registration of two lots totaling 3.3 acres comprised of Grade C dry-mesic sand savanna and a former agricultural field as additions to Sweet Fern Savanna. The registration of these additions will provide habitat for many Species in Greatest Need of Conservation, protect known occurrences of the state-endangered primrose violet (*Viola primulifolia*), buffer high-quality natural communities, and promote more efficient management of the land and water reserve. Allowable uses are consistent with previous registrations, and management activities will target the maintenance of the unique features for which the site was originally registered.

REPORT  
Kim Roman  
Nature Preserves Commission

ACTION TO BE CONSIDERED  
Approval for Registration

**Item 11:\* LaSalle Co. – Curt & Helen Simonson Land and Water Reserve, Registration**

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) acquired from the Simonson Family 51.5 acres immediately adjacent to Starved Rock Nature Preserve in LaSalle County and in the Grand Prairie Section of the Grand Prairie Natural Division. The property has been in the Simonson Family for five generations, and the IDNR is honoring them by registering and naming its Starved Rock State Park acquisition the “Curt and Helen Simonson Land and Water Reserve” (Simonson LWR). This site was operated as a family campground for 50 years, and includes many significant features, including a canyon and stream, sandstone bluffs, habitat for the state-endangered red-berried elder (*Sambucus racemosa* subsp. *pubens*), significant archaeological resources, and adjacency to Starved Rock Nature Preserve. It also is likely to benefit 21 wildlife Species in Greatest Need of Conservation, identified in the Illinois Wildlife Action Plan. The Simonson LWR is open to the public. Its uses and management will be consistent with the long-term preservation of the site’s unique natural and cultural resources. It is a key conservation holding in the Starved Rock State Park complex, promoting good preserve design for the nature preserve. It is therefore the recommendation of the proposal’s authors that the Curt and Helen Simonson Land and Water Reserve be approved by the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission.

REPORT  
Kim Roman  
Nature Preserves Commission

ACTION TO BE CONSIDERED  
Approval for Registration

**Item 12:\* Ogle Co. – Sand Farm Land and Water Reserve, Registration**

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) proposes to permanently register 72.0 acres as the Sand Farm Land and Water Reserve, located in the Oregon Section of the Rock River Hill Country Natural Division. The proposed reserve provides important grassland habitat in close association with the much larger Nachusa Grasslands complex (~3,100 acres) that is owned and managed by The Nature Conservancy (TNC). This grassland complex consists of prairie remnants, restorations, and reconstructions. It is one of the largest grassland sites in Illinois and is the first site east of the Mississippi River to reintroduce a “free roaming” bison herd to a tallgrass prairie ecosystem. The area proposed for registration is adjacent to the Nachusa Grasslands Illinois Natural Areas Inventory site (INAI #0685) which encompasses over 5,000 acres of natural communities and agricultural lands. This INAI site is recognized for its numerous high-quality relict natural communities, extensive grassland habitat, and suitable habitat for several state-listed plants and animals. The proposed reserve consists of 72 acres of reconstructed grasslands. This acreage is below the 80-acre minimum recommended for a grassland to be eligible for registration. However, this 72-acre grassland is connected to a much larger grassland complex.

REPORT

John C. Nelson

Nature Preserves Commission

ACTION TO BE CONSIDERED

Approval for Registration

**Item 13:\* Cook Co. – Addition to Thornton-Lansing Road Nature Preserve, Dedication**

The Forest Preserves of Cook County seeks preliminary approval for dedication of 100 acres of the Thornton-Lansing Road Forest Preserve as a nature preserve addition to the 340-acre Thornton-Lansing Road Nature Preserve. Thornton-Lansing Road Nature Preserve received preliminary approval for dedication at the Commission’s 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting in September 1964 and was granted final approval for dedication in January 1965 as the 12<sup>th</sup> Illinois Nature Preserve. The proposed addition lies within the Thornton-Lansing Road INAI site (INAI # 096) and includes Grade C dry-mesic sand savanna, Grade A and Grade C mesic and wet-mesic sand prairie, Grade B sedge meadow, and Grade C sand flatwoods. Of the 18 State-listed plant species recorded from Thornton-Lansing Road Nature Preserve, at least two have been recorded from the proposed addition. Thornton-Lansing Road Nature Preserve and the proposed addition are located in the Chicago Lake Plain Section of the Northeastern Morainal Natural Division in the southern part of Cook County, Illinois. Thornton-Lansing Road Nature Preserve (340 acres), together with the proposed 100-acre addition, Jurgensen Woods Nature Preserve (120 acres), and the proposed Wampum Lake Nature Preserve (380 acres) totals 940 acres. Embedded within the proposed nature preserve addition are two sites (11CK426 and 11CK04) that are associated with the “Hoxie Farm Complex” archaeological site that extends into the proposed Wampum Lake Nature Preserve. In addition, five other sites of archaeological significance are known from the proposed addition, one of which (11CK550) may be eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Protection of this 100-acre nature preserve addition to Thornton-Lansing Road Nature Preserve supports several elements of the Illinois Wildlife Action Plan (IWAP). Additionally, the site provides suitable nesting habitat for four bird species and one amphibian identified in the IWAP as Species in

Greatest Need of Conservation. The proposed addition to Thornton-Lansing Road Nature Preserve encompasses virtually the entire balance of the Thornton-Lansing Road INAI site. Protection of the 100-acre nature preserve addition to Thornton-Lansing Road Nature Preserve is consistent with the recommendations of the Natural and Cultural Resources Master Plan for the Forest Preserves of Cook County and the IWAP. The Forest Preserves of Cook County do reserve the right to continue to restore natural communities (as has been approved at Thornton-Lansing Road Nature Preserve) through removal of invasive canopy and sub-canopy trees and shrubs. INPC staff acknowledges the long-term interest and support of the Forest Preserves of Cook County, especially Toni Preckwinkle and Arnold Randall. Daniel Spencer, Chip O’Leary, and John McCabe of the Forest Preserves provided useful information critical to the preparation of the proposal and review of the document.

REPORT

Steven Byers

Nature Preserves Commission

ACTION TO BE CONSIDERED

Preliminary Approval for Dedication

**Item 14:\* Cook Co. – Wampum Lake Nature Preserve, Dedication**

The Forest Preserves of Cook County seeks preliminary approval for dedication of 380 acres of the 412-acre Wampum Lake Forest Preserve as the Wampum Lake Nature Preserve. Wampum Lake was included on the Illinois Natural Areas Inventory (INAI # 094) in recognition of Grade B sand seep and Grade A eroding bluff natural communities. The site also supports a Grade C freshwater marsh, Grade C dry-mesic sand savanna, Grade C wet floodplain forest, and a low-gradient stream. The proposed Wampum Lake Nature Preserve also supports four State-listed plant species. The proposed Wampum Lake Nature Preserve is located in the Chicago Lake Plain Section of the Northeastern Morainal Natural Division in the southern part of Cook County, Illinois. The proposed nature preserve, together with nearby Thornton-Lansing Road Nature Preserve and its proposed addition, and Jurgensen Woods Nature Preserve, totals 940 acres. Embedded within the proposed nature preserve and nearby Thornton-Lansing Road Nature Preserve are several outstanding cultural resources, one of which (11CK4 – Hoxie Farm Site) is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. To date, 24 sites of archaeological significance have been recorded from the proposed nature preserve. Paula Porubcan with the Illinois State Archaeological Survey has stated that its significance “cannot be overstated”. She noted that there is well-documented evidence of continuous human occupation dating back to the Archaic period (from 8,000 to 1,000 B.C.). Outstanding features of this site include the presence of a “fortified village” (dating from 1,300 to 1,500 AD) consisting of a wooden palisade and a series of excavated ditches and the nearly 2000 features (houses, pits, burial sites, hearths, ceramic vessels, stone tools, copper items, and an assemblage of floral and faunal remains) recorded from the site. Protection of Wampum Lake as an Illinois nature preserve supports several elements of the Illinois Wildlife Action Plan (IWAP). Additionally, the site provides suitable nesting habitat for four bird species identified in the IWAP as Species in Greatest Need of Conservation. The proposed Wampum Lake Nature Preserve encompasses the entire Wampum Lake Seepage Area INAI site and a portion of the Thornton-Lansing Road INAI site. Most notably, the sand seepage areas at this site represent virtually all of the 9.7 acres of the high-quality sand seeps reported by the INAI. Protection of Wampum Lake as part of the Illinois Nature Preserves System is

consistent with the recommendations of the Natural and Cultural Resources Master Plan for the Forest Preserves of Cook County and the IWAP. The Forest Preserves of Cook County do reserve the right to continue to restore natural communities (as has been approved at Thornton-Lansing Road Nature Preserve) through removal of invasive canopy and sub-canopy trees and shrubs. INPC staff acknowledges the long-term interest and support of the Forest Preserves of Cook County, especially Toni Preckwinkle and Arnold Randall. Daniel Spencer, Chip O’Leary, and John McCabe of the Forest Preserves provided useful information critical to the preparation of the proposal and review of the document.

REPORT  
Steven Byers  
Nature Preserves Commission

ACTION TO BE CONSIDERED  
Preliminary Approval for Dedication

**Item 15:\* Henderson Co. – Ellison Creek Sand Prairie Nature Preserve, Dedication**

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources seeks to dedicate the 40-acre Ellison Creek Sand Prairie located in central Henderson County. The site lies within the Mississippi River Section of the Illinois River and Mississippi River Sand Area Natural Division of Illinois and contains moderate quality sand prairie and sand savanna communities with a relatively large population of the state-endangered large-flowered beardstongue (*Penstemon grandiflora*). Located 2.5 miles east of the Mississippi River, the site is within the Upper Mississippi River Conservation Opportunity Area identified by the Illinois Wildlife Action Plan (IWAP) and supports at least four wildlife Species in Greatest Need of Conservation. Protection and management of this preserve will help meet the goals of multiple IWAP campaigns including: Farm and Grassland, Forest and Woodlands, Streams, Land and Water Stewardship, and Invasive Species.

REPORT  
Angella Moorehouse  
Nature Preserves Commission

ACTION TO BE CONSIDERED  
Preliminary Approval for Dedication

**Item 16:\* Livingston Co. – English Prairie Nature Preserve, Dedication**

English Prairie, located in Livingston County, is a very high-quality prairie remnant owned by Donath and Beverly English. It lies in the Grand Prairie Section of the Grand Prairie Natural Division of Illinois, just south of Kempton. The prairie is one-half acre in size, and is included on the Illinois Natural Areas Inventory (INAI) due to its Grade A prairie. English Prairie was enrolled as a Natural Heritage Landmark in 1984, and has been regularly burned by the Englishes since that time. It has retained its very high quality over the decades, and is one of the best examples of mesic prairie in Illinois. The English Family wishes to permanently protect English Prairie as a dedicated Illinois nature preserve for future generations.

REPORT  
Kim Roman  
Nature Preserves Commission

ACTION TO BE CONSIDERED  
Preliminary Approval for Dedication

**Item 17:\* McHenry Co. – Alden Sedge Meadow Nature Preserve, Dedication**

McHenry County Conservation District (MCCD) seeks preliminary approval for dedication of 301.6 acres of the 958.6-acre Alden Sedge Meadow/Winding Creek macrosite as Alden Sedge Meadow Nature Preserve. Alden Sedge Meadow was included on the Illinois Natural Areas Inventory (INAI # 1262) in recognition of Grade A and B graminoid fen, Grade B sedge meadow, Grade B pond, Grade B low-gradient stream, and Grade C freshwater marsh. MCCD also recognizes the presence of Grade A wet mesic prairie, Grade A calcareous seep, Grade C dry-mesic savanna, and an old field cultural community. The proposed Alden Sedge Meadow Nature Preserve also encompasses a short length of the Nippersink Creek INAI site (INAI # 1506). Four State-listed plant species and one State-listed animal species have been recorded from the proposed nature preserve (INAI # 1262). MCCD has also reported the presence of three additional State-listed animal species from the proposed nature preserve. In addition to these species, two State-listed fish species have been reported from Nippersink Creek. The proposed Alden Sedge Meadow Nature Preserve is located in the Morainal Section of the Northeastern Morainal Natural Division in the northern part of McHenry County, Illinois. Although sites of archaeological significance are located nearby, none have been reported from the proposed nature preserve. To date, MCCD staff have recorded 87 species of birds, 5 species of mammals, 15 species of amphibians and reptiles, 20 species of fish, 6 species of mussels, 23 species of dragonflies and damselflies, 31 species of butterflies, and an undetermined number of aquatic invertebrates from the proposed Alden Sedge Meadow Nature Preserve. Protection of Alden Sedge Meadow as an Illinois nature preserve supports elements of the Illinois Wildlife Action Plan (IWAP). Additionally, the site provides suitable nesting habitat for 27 species of wildlife identified in the IWAP as Species in Greatest Need of Conservation and include 17 birds, two reptiles, three fish, two mussels and three butterflies. Protection of the 301.6-acre Alden Sedge Meadow as an Illinois nature preserve is consistent with a resolution adopted by the MCCD Board of Directors in May 2018 (Resolution # 18-15) to move forward with dedication of a number of sites. Additionally, dedication of the proposed nature preserve will protect the vast majority of the Alden Sedge Meadow INAI site and supports several elements of the IWAP. MCCD reserves the right to conduct a master planning process to determine appropriate public access and recreational opportunities with the approval of INPC. The proposed Alden Sedge Meadow Nature Preserve lies within the footprint of one of the core areas identified for Hackmatack National Wildlife Refuge. INPC staff acknowledges the support of the Board of Directors and staff of MCCD, especially Elizabeth Kessler, Ed Collins, Laurie Ryan, Cindy Rendl, and Gail Brown.

REPORT  
Steven Byers  
Nature Preserves Commission

ACTION TO BE CONSIDERED  
Preliminary Approval for Dedication

**Item 18:\* Monroe Co. – Milles Fleurs Nature Preserve, Dedication**

The proposed Milles Fleurs Nature Preserve (NP) is a 12-acre site in southwestern Illinois' Sinkhole Plain located in the Northern Section of the Ozark Natural Division. The site is within the 545-acre Sutterville Sinkhole Illinois Natural Areas Inventory (INAI) site (#1966). The proposed preserve contains eight acres of dry-mesic upland forest, with numerous sinkholes

and sinkhole ponds, and four acres of old field in successional restoration. The site contains breeding populations of the state-threatened eastern narrowmouth toad (*Gastrophryne carolinensis*) and the state-threatened black-billed cuckoo (*Coccyzus erythrophthalmus*). Besides protecting the two listed species, the proposed Milles Fleurs NP harbors breeding populations of Species in Greatest Need of Conservation (SGNC) listed in the Illinois Wildlife Action Plan (IWAP), including wood frog (*Lithobates sylvatica*), pickerel frog (*Lithobates palustris*), Red-shouldered Hawk (*Buteo lineatus*), Yellow-breasted Chat (*Icteria virens*), Kentucky warbler (*Oporonis formosus*), Yellow-billed Cuckoo (*Coccyzus americanus*), Red-headed Woodpecker (*Melanerpes erythrocephalus*), and bobcat (*Lynx rufus*). The site supports several campaigns identified in the IWAP, including the Farmland and Prairies Campaign, the Forests Campaign, the Invasive Species Campaign, and the Land & Water Stewardship Campaign. The site is located within IWAP's Karst Conservation Opportunity Area, and the Southwestern Illinois Wildlife Action Plan partnership. The proposed Milles Fleurs Nature Preserve is owned by long-time conservationists, Penelope P. and D. Carl DauBach. The couple has owned the property for 17 years, working to improve the ecological value of the site and to protect the resources, including the listed species using the proposed preserve.

REPORT  
Debbie Newman  
Nature Preserves Commission

ACTION TO BE CONSIDERED  
Preliminary Approval for Dedication

**Item 19:\* Adams Co. – Allendale Spring Nature Preserve, Dedication**

Allendale Spring is located in southern Adams County in the Galesburg Section of the Middle Mississippi Border Natural Division. The proposed nature preserve consists of 2.27 acres and is owned by Edward Behrensmeyer. The site is not presently listed on the Illinois Natural Areas Inventory but it qualifies as a Category II site for suitable habitat supporting two federally listed bat species: Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*), which breeds within the vicinity of the proposed preserve, and northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*), which is thought to overwinter on site. The site is also listed within the Illinois Inventory of Archaeological and Paleontological Sites and was used as a settlement by various prehistoric peoples of the Dalton, Hardin, Archaic, Sedalia, and late woodland cultures. Allendale Spring contains habitat supporting a least five Species in Greatest Need of Conservation as defined by the Illinois Wildlife Action Plan (IWAP). Protection and management of the site will serve to help fulfill goals within both the Forest and Woodland and Streams IWAP campaigns.

REPORT  
Heather Osborn  
Nature Preserves Commission

ACTION TO BE CONSIDERED  
Final Approval for Dedication



**Item 20:\* Monroe Co. – Eagle Cliff Prairie Nature Preserve, Dedication**

The proposed Eagle Cliff Prairie Nature Preserve (NP) and Nature Preserve Buffer is a one-acre site owned by the County of Monroe. The site is comprised of 0.83 acres of Grade A loess hill prairie and an approximately 0.25-acre access road. There is a small section of Grade A cliff associated with the hill prairie. The site contains a listed species, the state-threatened sand prairie flat sedge (*Cyperus grayoides*). The proposed preserve includes more than half of the main Grade A loess hill prairie in the 89-acre Miles Prairie Illinois Natural Areas Inventory site (#202) located in the Northern Section of the Ozark Natural Division. Besides protecting the loess hill prairie and limestone glade natural communities and a state-listed species, dedication of the proposed Eagle Cliff Prairie NP supports several campaigns identified in the IWAP, including the Farmland and Prairies Campaign, the Invasive Species Campaign, and the Land & Water Stewardship Campaign. The site is located within IWAP’s Bluff Corridor Conservation Opportunity Area, and the Southwestern Illinois Wildlife Action Plan partnership. The proposed preserve is part of a 25-mile corridor of numerous preserved lands in the bluffs of Monroe and Randolph Counties. The site is adjacent to the historic Miles Cemetery. The proposed 0.25-acre buffer access road travels through cemetery property to the prairie.

REPORT  
Debbie Newman  
Nature Preserves Commission

ACTION TO BE CONSIDERED  
Final Approval for Dedication

**Item 21:\* Monroe Co. – Renault Karst Nature Preserve, Dedication**

The proposed Renault Karst Nature Preserve (NP) and Nature Preserve Buffer is a 28.71-acre site owned by Robert Eshom. The site is located in the heart of southwestern Illinois’ Sinkhole Plain karst region, and is part of the Collier Springs Recharge Area and the area defined by karst/cave biologists and geologists as the Renault Karst. The site is located approximately 600 feet from the current boundary of the 10,467-acre Renault Karst Illinois Natural Areas Inventory (INAI) site (#1597). The site contains one documented, small cave known as Skylight Cave, which dead-ends on the property. The Collier Spring Recharge Area, however, is hydrologically connected to the Fogelpole Cave system, Illinois’ largest and most biologically diverse cave, listed in the INAI as having Grade A, B, and C terrestrial cave communities and a Grade B aquatic cave community. The Fogelpole Cave system, along with the other large cave systems in the Renault Karst INAI site (Illinois Caverns, Dry-Run Cave), contain populations of the federally and state-endangered Illinois cave amphipod (*Gammarus acherondytes*), and Fogelpole contains large populations of the federally and state-endangered Indiana bat, (*Myotis sodalis*) and gray bat (*Myotis grisescens*), and the federally- and state-threatened Northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*), as well as a host of globally rare cave invertebrates. One of the main entrances to Fogelpole Cave is located one mile from the proposed Renault Karst NP, making the proposed preserve likely used as summer roost/maternity habitat of two of the listed bat species. The site is located in the Northern Section of the Ozark Natural Division and supports several campaigns identified in the IWAP, including the Forests Campaign, the Invasive Species Campaign, and the Land & Water Stewardship Campaign. The site is located within IWAP’s Karst Conservation Opportunity

Area, and the Southwestern Illinois Wildlife Action Plan partnership. The proposed preserve is located in between and 1-3 miles from over 2300 acres of protected or conservation-managed lands. The proposed preserve consists of approximately 22 acres of mature and undisturbed dry-mesic upland forest containing more than 20 sinkholes, and a 7-acre old field. The site contains 26.33 acres being proposed for nature preserve dedication, and 2.38 acres proposed for nature preserve buffer. Two structures exist on the property, within the proposed buffer; the Instrument of Dedication includes an agreement for eventual removal of the two structures.

REPORT  
Debbie Newman  
Nature Preserves Commission

ACTION TO BE CONSIDERED  
Final Approval for Dedication

**Item 22:\* Schuyler Co. - Legal Description Correction for Williams Creek Bluff Land and Water Reserve**

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources received approval for registration of 75.25 acres as the Williams Creek Bluff Land and Water Reserve at the Commission's 183<sup>rd</sup> meeting (Resolution #1783). The registration agreement was recorded in Schuyler County on August 6, 2004, and this land and water reserve is part of Weinberg-King State Park. Errors in the legal description were discovered during an environmental review for a proposed project in the campground area of the state park in 2017. A working group, including IDNR staff with the Nature Preserves Commission; and Offices of Realty and Capital Planning, Resource Conservation, and Land Management; was organized to review the legal description and determine what corrections were needed. Due to the complexity of the proposed corrections, which include changes in boundary lines and total acreage, approval by the Commission is being sought.

REPORT  
Valerie Njapa  
Nature Preserves Commission

ACTION TO BE CONSIDERED  
Approval of Legal Description Correction

**Item 23: Illinois Prescribed Burn Manager Certification Board Appointment**

Bob Edgin represented the INPC on the Illinois Prescribed Burn Manager Certification Board (IPBMCB). With his retirement a new representative is needed. Tom Lerczak recommended that Kelly Neal be appointed as INPC representative to the Board. Kelly has a strong knowledge of prescribed burning as the Stewardship Project Manager and has participated in at least one meeting of the Board.

REPORT  
Valerie Njapa  
Nature Preserves Commission

ACTION TO BE CONSIDERED  
Approval of IPBMCB Representative

**Item 24: Public Comment Period (3 minutes per person)**

**Item 25: Other Business**

Items may be discussed, but no final action may occur for items not previously included on the agenda.

**Item 26: Adjournment**