

ILLINOIS NATURE PRESERVES COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING

January 28, 2013

Rochester Public Library
1 Community Drive
Rochester, Illinois

On January 28, 2013, the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission (INPC) held a special meeting in Rochester, Illinois.

The meeting was called to order at 1:40 p.m. by Chair Thomas.

Members present: Donnie Dann, Pen DauBach, William McClain, Jill Riddell, and David Thomas.

Members absent: Dennis Clark, George Covington, Mare Payne and Lauren Rosenthal.

Others present: Steven Byers, Bob Edgin, Tom Lerczak, Angella Moorehouse, Kelly Neal, John Nelson, Debbie Newman, Debbie Reider, Kim Roman, and Jenny Skufca, INPC; Tara Kieninger, Don McFall, and John Wilker, Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR); Anne Mankowski, Endangered Species Protection Board (ESPB); and Fran Harty, The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and INPC Consultant.

Kelly Neal gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the stewardship efforts and overview of what takes place in developing a management schedule and dealing with unplanned activities.

Jenny Skufca gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding defense issues associated with INPC protected sites.

Ms. Skufca also gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding how the Commission is handling legal description discrepancies for sites within the Nature Preserves System.

John Wilker gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Illinois Natural Areas Inventory (INAI) update.

Randy Heidorn gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding an update on the Natural Areas Acquisition Fund (NAAF).

Mr. Heidorn gave an overview of potential activities that will be done to celebrate the Commission's 50th anniversary.

Mr. Heidorn stated that the Natural Areas Conference will be held in Chicago from October 1-4, 2013.

Director Marc Miller stated that since John Rogner will be returning to the US Fish and Wildlife Service, he will be filling the role of liaison between the Commission and the IDNR. He thanked

the staff for their hard work, and he thanked the Commissioners for their efforts to protect the natural areas that were brought before the Commission.

Director Miller also stated that he has received a letter from the Governor's Office of Management and Budget stating that the funds in the NAAF will not be swept. The IDNR has a new fiscal officer, Scott Harper, and he is familiar with the entire budget process.

Director Miller discussed what he would like to see happen in the future regarding the preservation and acquisition of qualified sites throughout the state.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

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