

**SIOSA Board of Directors Meeting
Decatur Co. Courthouse
February 16th, 2012**

Present: Gregg Pattison, Dave Whittlesey, Mark Erke, Rich Erke, John Orvis, and Jennifer Abraham

Mark opened meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Rich motioned to approve the minutes, Dave seconded it.

Mark motioned to allow SIOSA funds to cover Mike DeCook's property. John seconded.

Treasurer's Report

Regular Account:

Balance as of 12/31/2011	\$7,517.30.79
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Credits:

12/31/2011 - Interest	+\$0.06
1/6 Travis Saveraid - Supporting Mem.	+\$100.00
1/6 Ann Earley - Sav. Friend	+\$25.00
1/6 Walt Chapman - Sav. Friend	+\$25.00
1/6 Tim Friday - Student Member	+\$10.00
1/13 Lori Schwalbe - Sav. Friend	+\$25.00
1/13 Thomas Teague - Savanna Steward	+\$500.00
1/17 Mark Metelman - Sav. Friend	+\$25.00
1/17 Ron and Barb Eckoff - Supporting Mem.	+\$100.00
1/24 Andrew Kellner - Savanna Friend	+\$25.00
1/24 Charles Bill Stuart - Sav. Friend	+\$25.00
1/31 Interest	+\$0.07
2/2 Steve Schomberg - Sav. Friend	+\$25.00
2/7 Robert Hansen - Sav. Friend	+\$25.00
2/10 Jeanne Beardsley - Sav. Friend	+\$25.00
2/10 Richard Bishop - Sav. Friend	+\$25.00
2/10 Terry Geiger - Sav. Friend	+\$25.00
2/10 Amanda McColpin - Sav. Friend	+\$25.00
2/13 Pat Schlarbaum - Sav. Friend	+\$25.00
2/13 Bradley Nelson - Student Member	+\$10.00

Debits:

1/7 - ck# 1051 Graceland University J. Abraham, Dec. fee	-\$400.00
1/25 - ck# 1052 J. Abraham reimbursement for PBA website/C. Ratchford - 50% of fee REAP funds (balance 618.86)	-\$482.50
1/25 ck# 1053 J. Abraham coffee and donuts for annual meeting	-\$41.83
2/1 ck# 1054 Graceland University J. Abraham, Jan. fee	<u>-\$400.00</u>

Balance 2/16/2012	\$7,238.10
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Federal Account:

Balance of as 12/31/2011	\$160,327.26
<i>Credits:</i>	
1/31 - Interest	+1.35
<i>Debits:</i>	
1/14 ck# 1057 - Midwest Land Restoration LLC Oak Sav. Restoration for Carrol Vik Property in Decatur Co., IA	-\$1032.50
1/23 ck# 1058 - Midwest Land Restoration LLC Oak Sav. Restoration for John Orvis Property in Decatur Co., IA	-\$3173.50
2/10 ck# 1059 - Mike DeCook - Oak Sav. Restoration Sav. Restoration by Dan Edwards and Adaptive Wildlife Management in Munroe Co, IA	-\$9180.00
2/10 ck# 1060 - Adaptive Wildlife Management Oak Sav. Restoration for Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation in Decatur Co., IA	<u>-\$4000.00</u>
Balance as of 2/16/2012	\$142,942.61

Committee Reports:

Habitat and Restoration

Gregg began with mentioning that Travis Strable finished restoration of the Bishop Woods Heritage Site. Travis also worked on a property in Madison Co. as part of a U.S.F.W.S. contract. Travis is currently working on Mike LaMayer's property, roughly 37 acres in Clarke Co. This property will be funded by SIOSA.

Mike Anderson will be working on Mike Shay's property in Clarke Co. Gregg would also like to get Mike in Slip Bluff to clear out brush and put in some firebreaks if SIOSA agrees. Mike will also be out to Casey Campbell's property to continue management. Bruce Nelson has started restoration on his property with his son taking care of the work. They are at about 25% completion.

Another project in Ringgold Co. funded by the U.S.F.W.S. is ongoing on Carl Jerome's savanna property.

Proposed Project 1: In the cooperative agreement, SIOSA stated that they would work to restore a couple hundred acres of grassland. Gregg mentioned there is a priority area in the Grand River Grasslands, north of highway 2, in an area that is still within the Kellerton BCA on private lands. The goal on the site would be to remove hedges and some trees to have a good area for the prairie chicken habitat. Landowners: Caster, Gibson, Debraugh.

Dave motioned to approve the grassland project, Mark seconded.

Proposed Project 2: A project south of Afton. High quality white oak savanna to be restored, roughly 45 -50 acres.

Proposed Project 3: Cedar removal and timber stand improvement in a portion of land in Clarke Co., roughly 30 acres near Coyote Canyon. Landowner: Paul Peter.

Proposed Project 4: A Madison Co. property in the Clanton Creek Wildlife Area. Gregg talked to Steve Pearson, the Natural Resource Manager in the area, they just added roughly 400 acres to the wildlife area to bring the total to 1200 acres. A few landowners in the area are actively managing/burning in the area already but need a little more help. SIOSA will consider expanding in this area.

Other projects: Stephens Forest lands are also being actively managed. John asked if Jessica Flatt had managed to get the informational signage installed in Stephens Forest, south in Lucas Co. Rich mentioned that they may have been designed and produced at some point and just not installed. Dave Whittlesey offered to contact Jessica Flatt and see where they are at with the signs.

Outreach and Membership

Jen mentioned that she was working closely with Shannon Rusk of Iowa State University to organize/contact landowners for the upcoming PBA introductory meeting on March 3rd. She also been updating the website, talking to the PBA website designer and working on the SIOSA March newsletter.

New Business

Jen will be advertising for the snow Trillium Walk for March 31st from 10a.m. - 12 p.m. She will put information up on the website and in the local papers.

Old Business

The group discussed the possibility of partnering with ISU/Grand River Grasslands for our spring burn workshop. Gregg will go ahead and talk to Ryan Harr about the joint workshop and will report back to the board.

Jen stated that she would send out an email to SIOSA members to see if there would be any interest in committee assignments.

Gregg talked a little bit about the upcoming S-130 online firefighting training and the April 14th field day portion. He will be advertising in the near future for the field day.

Rich motioned to adjourn at 8:23. John seconded.