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February 2015 Newsletter

The next meeting of the Sandhills Task Force will be on **February 18th, 2015** at the Lonely Grill (formerly Brahmer's) in Thedford starting at **10:00 A.M. Central**. Shelly will bring a laptop and projector.

Please let Shelly know if you have additional agenda items.

Shelly Kelly, Sutherland
Program Director

Agenda Items

Meeting called to order
Opening Prayer
Introductions
Approval of minutes
Financial report (Kelly)
Open Board Positions
Management of Sandhills Rangelands for
Greater Prairie Chickens (Powell,
Schacht)
Partners for Conservation - Private Lands
Partners Day – 2015
2015 Nebraska Environmental Trust Grant
Application/NFWF Grant
Sheridan County Easement Update
Army Corp of Engineer Issues
Program Director Update (Shelly)

Management of Sandhills Rangelands for Greater Prairie Chickens – Larkin Powell and Walt Schacht, both from UNL, will speak about the research summarized in their newly released extension publication.

Partners for Conservation Private Lands Partner Day 2015 – The local planning committee has been working with the Partners for Conservation board members to begin planning the Private Lands Partners Day the STF will host September 22 – 24, 2015.

2015 NET Grant Application – The STF application was ranked 4th in the preliminary list NET released!

NFWF Grant Awarded – The STF and our partners were awarded a grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

Sheridan County Conservation Easement – The landowner has decided to not sell an easement. Plans will need to be made regarding the NET funds that were raised to secure the easement. There is the possibility of using those funds to secure a different conservation easement