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June 2015 Newsletter

The next meeting of the Sandhills Task Force will be on **June 16th, 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
Bylaw Change
New Board Member Suggestions
Volunteer Fire Department Prescribed
Burn Program Update
World Wildlife Fund Bird Survey –
Nancy Labbe
Partners for Conservation – Private
Lands Partners Day Update
Funding requests:

- RWBJV for Sandhills National Wetland Inventory update
- Sand County request for Leopold Award sponsorship
- Nebraska Youth Range Camp request for sponsorship
- UNL GLS Scholarship request for donation
- Bethany's request for donation
- Sandhills Cattle Association
- Nebraska Grazing Conference

JEO and Army Corp of Engineer Update
Farewells
Other Business

Program Director Update – Shelly

World Wildlife Fund Bird Survey – Nancy Labbe will talk to the STF about the WWF Bird Survey they are proposing in the sandhills.

Partners for Conservation Private Lands Partner Day 2015 – The local planning committee will update the rest of the STF board about progress on planning the Private Lands Partners Day that STF will host September 22 – 24, 2015.

VFD Prescribed Burning Program – A few VFDs filled out the survey that was sent to them asking about their willingness to help private landowners complete prescribed burns. The results will be reviewed.

Funding Request – STF has received many funding requests that will be voted on.

JEO hired to help secure Corp Permits – STF has several projects planned for this fall and JEO was hired to help secure permits.

Farewells – Long time board member Jim Luchsinger is moving to Wyoming. Kyle Graham is moving to Alaska. STF will miss both of them!