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	<b>Director Liaison</b>		<b>Committee Vice Chair</b>
	<b>Committee Chair</b>		<b>Committee Recorder</b>

**Meeting Details**

Meeting Date(s) and Location(s): *List dates of all meetings held in the past year. \*500 Character Limit*

**Executive Summary**

*Information contained in this section provides an overall summary of the committee meeting including a judgment of the meeting's success compared to previous meetings. Photos or other additional documents that help convey the work of the committee in this past year should be noted in the text but added to the end of this document as an attachment to the Annual Report PDF.*

*\*3700 Character Limit*



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**Director Information Items**

*Information in this section should highlight the committee's progress to goals and objectives identified in the Technical Working Committee Charter, identify challenges or risks (perceived or realized) and include any other updates from Midwest state's or relative business discussed. \*3600 Character Limit*



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**Committee Workgroups**  
 Identify workgroups that are associated with this TWC. Provide a brief 2-3 sentence summary of work accomplished in the past year. A workgroup is a smaller team that supports the goals and objectives of the TWC and is necessary and needed to help accomplish the work. It may include additional members not in the TWC but must be lead by a member of the TWC.  
 \*650 Character Limit

Workgroup Name (1)	States Member Lead
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Workgroup Name (2)	States Member Lead
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**Requests for Action**  
 List below any accompanying documents attached to the annual report. Note: All formal requests for action by the MAFWA Board of Directors must complete the appropriate forms with approvals by MAFWA Executive Committee prior to the Annual Board Meeting. Ex. Committee Charter, Request and Risk Assessment. See page 12 of the TWC Guidelines Manual for timelines and details.  
 \*1300 Character Limit

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<b>Proposed Meeting Dates/Times/Location</b> Dates and times the TWC will meet in the upcoming year.	
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**Agenda**

*Provide meeting information from the past year in the space below. If additional supporting documents are needed, please combine into a single PDF and use the space below to document what is attached. Before final submission to the MAFWA Executive Secretary. \*4000 Character Limit*



**MIDWEST**  
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**MAFWA Public Lands, Private Lands, & Wildlife Diversity Working Groups  
Joint Meeting Agenda**

April 7-9, 2026

Meeting Space: Jester Park Nature Center <https://www.jesterparknaturecenter.com/>  
[12130 NW 128th St, Granger, IA 50109](https://www.jesterparknaturecenter.com/)

Hotel: Tru by Hilton, Grimes  
[701 NE Gateway Drive, Grimes, IA 50111](https://www.truhilton.com/grimes-ia)

Meeting Registration Link: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/nu7k54c>

**THEME: Navigating Complexities in Landscape-Scale Habitat Restoration**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>April 6, 2026</b>
	Travel to Grimes, IA (Grimes is a northern suburb of Des Moines, IA)
	Meals on your own & possible informal meet-up(s)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>April 7, 2026 - Jester Park Nature Center Classrooms A, B, &amp; C</b>
	Breakfast at hotel / on your own
8:30-8:45 AM	Welcome & Housekeeping
8:45-9:00 AM	Landscape scale conservation - Pete Hildreth, Conservation & Recreation Division Administrator
9:00-9:20 AM	Sharing responsibilities on a landscape complex - Doug Sheeley, Polk County Conservation Natural Resources Supervisor & Todd Gosselink, Iowa DNR Wildlife Biologist
9:20-9:50 AM	Foundational Elements for Wildlife Conservation, what's needed for today and tomorrow - Bill Moritz, Wildlife Management Institute Midwest Regional Representative
9:50-10:15 AM	Midwest Grasslands Initiative, America the Beautiful work - Tyler Harms, Biometrician and Joshua Dickinson, Grassland Conservation Delivery Network Coordinator
10:15-10:30 AM	Iowa's Approach to Wildlife Action Plan Integration - Katy Fullin, Wildlife Action Plan Coordinator
10:30-10:45 AM	Outside break w/ refreshments
10:45 AM-12:00 PM	Small group break outs - outside in shelter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss morning presentations &amp; implications for your working group</li> </ul>
12:00-12:45 PM	Lunch (provided) - outside
12:45-1:00 PM	Thoughts from morning breakouts
1:00-2:00 PM	Break into 2 groups: Public & Private Lands – Classrooms A&B, WDTC – Classroom C

<b>Tuesday, cont.</b>	<b>April 7, 2026 - Jester Park Nature Center Classrooms A, B, &amp; C</b>
1:00-4:30 PM (with a break at 2:00-2:15 PM)	<u>Wildlife Diversity Technical Committee Session</u> - Classroom C <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Science Programs - Stephanie Shepherd</li> <li>• Wildlife Crossings research with DOT - Gabriella Barnas (4 pm)</li> </ul>
1:00 - 2:00	<u>Public/Private Lands Working Groups Joint Session</u> - Classrooms A&B <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demographics, Survival and Nesting for Female Wild Turkey in SE Iowa - Dan Kaminski, Wildlife Research Biologist</li> <li>• Where CWD Fits: Aligning Disease Response with Iowa's Deer Management Plan - Jace Elliott, Deer Program Biologist</li> <li>• Farm Bill Update - Todd Bogenschutz, Upland Game Biologist</li> </ul>
2:00-2:15	Break w/ refreshments
2:15-4:30	Break into 3 groups: Public Lands Working Group Business – Classroom A Private Lands Working Group Business – Classroom B Wildlife Diversity Technical Committee Business - Classroom C
5:30-7:00	Dinner – on your own or in groups
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>April 8, 2026 - Field Tour</b>
	Breakfast at hotel / on your own
8:30 AM-5:00 PM	8:30 Load Buses at Tru by Hilton in Grimes 10:00: Arrive at McCords Pond. 10:45: Arrive at Dunbar Slough 11:30: Arrive at Whiterock HQ - lunch and restrooms 1:15: Arrive at Long Pond 2:00: Arrive at Lakin Slough 2:45: Arrive at Bays Branch (North) 3:25: Arrive at Bays Branch (Overlook) 3:45: Leave Bays Branch (Overlook) for Tru by Hilton in Grimes 4:30: Arrive at Tru by Hilton in Grimes
5:30-7:00 PM	Dinner – on your own or in groups
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>April 9, 2026 - Jester Park Nature Center</b>
	Breakfast at hotel / on your own
8:30-10:00 AM	Large groups to finish any joint items and report outs
10:00-10:15 AM	Break w/ refreshments
10:15-11:30 AM	Small groups for committees to finish reports and next steps
11:30 AM	Lunch on own as you leave

Restaurants:

Destination Grille - <https://maps.app.goo.gl/nbNauGAksUyHioGf6>

Sol Agave - <https://maps.app.goo.gl/nbNauGAksUyHioGf6>

McDivot's Indoor Sports Pub - <https://maps.app.goo.gl/8pLkDwiWPT2EpXM17>

18 minutes (~12 miles) to Jordan Creek Town Center & lots other dining options.