AGENDA
LEOPOLD CENTER FOR SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE
Advisory Board Meeting, March 8, 2016
ISU Memorial Union, Gold Room
Ames, Iowa

8:30 a.m. Gather, coffee

9:00 a.m. Call to order—Erin Irish
Introductions of new board members
Approve minutes of December 8 board meeting

9:10 a.m. Public comments period

9:20 a.m. “Are land grant universities and their mission even relevant in the 21st century?” —Mark Rasmussen and Advisory Board members

10:45 a.m. Break

11:00 a.m. "Just how much has Iowa's weather changed from normal in recent years?" —Harry Hillaker, State of Iowa Climatologist

12:00 p.m. Lunch (Oak Room)

1:00 p.m. Revisiting the 2013 Strategic Plan—Mark Rasmussen and Advisory Board members

2:15 p.m. Financial report—Kim Vo

2:30 p.m. Director’s report—Mark Rasmussen

3:00 p.m. Adjourn

Leopold Center and related activities — (March - June 2016)

March 23-24, 2016—2016 Iowa Water Conference, Scheman Building, Iowa State Center, Ames
The conference brings together multi-disciplinary organizations and institutions to discuss water issues in Iowa. The Leopold Center’s 2015 Spencer Award will be presented at this event. Leopold Center is a partner for this conference.

March 23, 2016—“Body of Water”, CY Stephens Auditorium, Iowa State Center, Ames. 7:00 p.m. Students from Luther College will present Body of Water, a project conceptualized by Luther biology professor Jodi Enos-Berlage and Luther dance professor Jane Hawley as a way to
use video, music and dance to tell the intimate story of water usage and quality within our watersheds and community. Originally presented in 2015 in Decorah in three sold-out shows, this production highlights how small actions by individuals accumulate into a powerful force, producing an outcome that benefits all. The production has been described as “informational,” “emotional,” and “spiritual,” as well as “a wonderful example of the power of liberal arts.”

http://www.water.iastate.edu/content/art-water-2016 Sponsored by the Center’s education support program (CESP).

April 5, 2016—Annual Shivvers Lecture. Farmer panel on "Farming for the Long Term." Three Iowa farmers share practical solutions and personal experiences with conservation and sustainable agriculture practices. Moderated by Mark Rasmussen. Sun Room, ISU Memorial Union, Ames. 7:00 p.m.

April 9, 2016—Ames Sees Leopold. "Aldo Leopold, A Standard of Change" is a one-man, one-act play written by and starring Jim Pfitzer. Set in one evening in and around the famous Wisconsin Shack that inspired much of his writing, "A Standard of Change" explores the influences and challenges that led Aldo Leopold to penning some of the most important essays in his book "A Sand County Almanac." South Ballroom, ISU Alumni Center, Ames. 2:00-4:00 p.m.

April 13-23, 2016—Up! Up! Film Festival. A collection of 14 independently produced films and shorts, each exploring questions of farmland access, rural livelihoods, and the sustainability of people and place to be shown across northeast Iowa and southwest Wisconsin. Sponsored by the Center’s education support program.

June 9, 2016—Leopold Center Advisory Board meeting, location TBD