

Meeting Draft Minutes
Board of Directors
Loess Hills Alliance
1:00 PM –March 2, 2022
Loess Hills Brent S. Olson Visitor's Center–Pisgah, Iowa

Members signing the attendance log:

John Meis-Director	Renea Anderson-Director	Whitney Reimers-IA Bankers Association
Patty McCall-Director	Scott Pape-Director	Lonnie Mayberry-Director
Rich Pope-Director	John Straight-Director	Jeremy Taylor-Director
Bob Benton-Director	Gary Horton-Director	
Linda Herman-Director	Nick Beeck-Director	
Lance Brisbois-Director	Wesley Fopma (Representative Randy Feenstra's office)	

Chairman, Rich Pope called the regular meeting of the Loess Hills Alliance to order at 1:15 pm, with quorum declared. Introductions and signatures on travel documentation followed.

MINUTES: A Motion was made by John Straight, seconded by Linda Herman to approve the December 1, 2021 Minutes. Motion carried.

AGENDA: A change was needed on the March Full Board Agenda. Under "New Business", "Officer Elections" was moved to the beginning of the meeting. A Motion was made by Patty McCall, seconded by Renea Anderson to approve the March 2, 2022 amended Agenda. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Renea Anderson presented the Treasurer's Report to the Full Board Committee.

Open Funds to Obligate:

Total Committee Open Funds to Obligate or Carryover:

Protection: \$10,050.00 (12,450.00 Obligated Projects)

Stewardship: \$8,000.00 (\$7,500.00 Obligated Projects) \$8,000.00 has been allocated as of 03/2/22

Economic Development: \$4,832.29 (\$11,116.59 Obligated Projects)

Executive Committee: \$737.96 (\$10,154.91 Obligated Projects)

Executive/Reserve Funds on Hand: \$134,969.84

Executive/Board Total Funds on Hand: \$145,862.71

The Loess Hills Alliance Funds Report showed Total Unobligated Remaining Funds to 06/30/22 is \$251,185.00 with 494 Other Current Assets.

A Motion was made by Bob Benton, seconded by Patty McCall to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive Committee – Rich Pope reported that the Executive Committee met this morning at 11:00 am. The Loess Hills Prairie Seminar will be held on June 3- 5, 2022. \$2,000.00 funding was allocated to help fund the Loess Hills Prairie Seminar. \$4,220.00 funding was allocated to the Stewardship Committee to help fund the last two RFP projects. A total of 6 RFP Grant Applications for Stewardship Committee were received and approved. The Loess Hills Alliance thanks Lance Brisbois for the work that he did on the Stewardship Committee RFP Grant process.

Protection Committee – No report from Chairman, Graham McGaffin.

Stewardship Committee – Lance Brisbois reported that the Stewardship Committee did not meet this morning. A total of 6 RFP Grant applications for Stewardship Committee were received. The Stewardship Committee approved 4 RFP Grant applications at the last Stewardship Committee meeting on February 2nd. The Stewardship Committee thanks the Executive Committee for the \$4,220.00 funding received to help fund the remaining two RFP Grant applications. Agreements are in the process of being signed.

Economic Development Committee – Renea Anderson reported that the committee met on Monday, February 28th at 10:00 AM, Harrison County Welcome Center, Missouri Valley. Edits for the Loess Hills Birding, RVing, and Motorcycling Brochures are being turned in to the Economic Development Committee. Final edits are due on March 7, 2022. Printing will be done in April, before spring season starts.

A Motion was made by Linda Herman, seconded by Patty McCall to accept the Committee Reports. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS: No “Old Business” at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Legislature Report and Funding Update: No report from Lobbyist, Craig Patterson. Craig has been keeping busy working in Des Moines. The Legislature reports from Craig Patterson will be emailed to Secretary, Jeannette Riesberg to be forwarded on to all Loess Hills Alliance Members.

Officer Elections 2022: The 2022 LHA Officer Nominating Committee is John Straight, Rocky DeWitt, and Jeff Seago. The slate of nominees for the Executive Committee are:

Rich Pope, Chairman
Dawn Snyder, Vice-Chairman
Nick Beeck, Secretary
Renea Anderson, Treasurer
Bob Benton, At-Large
Patty McCall, At-Large
Graham McGaffin, At-Large

A Motion was made by Linda Herman, seconded by John Straight to cease the nominations. Motion carried. A Motion was made by John Straight, seconded by Linda Herman to accept the 2022 Loess Hills Alliance Executive Committee slate of officers. Motion carried.

Announcements: Becky Von Weihe has retired from Golden Hills RC & D, Oakland, IA. The Loess Hills Alliance thanks Becky for all her work and wishes her a happy retirement. The Loess Hills Alliance welcomes Jeri Smith, Golden Hills RC & D.

Loess Hills Alliance Chairman, Rich Pope presented the Loess Hills Alliance 2021 Annual Audit report to the Full Board Members.

Next Meeting: June 1, 2022 at 1:00 PM

Adjournment: A Motion was made by Patty McCall, seconded by John Straight to adjourn the meeting at 1:32 PM. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeannette Riesberg,
LHA Office Secretary