

LHA FULL COMMITTEE
September 5, 2018

Call to Order and Introductions - Chairman Pope called the meeting to order at 10:37am.

Those in attendance: Exec. Committee members - Rich Pope, Renea Anderson, Tammy Bramley, Bob Benton, Graham McGaffin, also in attendance, Doug Chaffa, Tim Sproul, Michelle Franks, Linda Herman, Jake Holt, Mark Shoemaker, John Straight and Scott Belt

Approve Minutes of August 1, 2018 – Minutes of 6-6-18 were approved on a motion by John Straight, Seconded by Michelle Wodtke-Franks. All ayes.

Approve Agenda Items - The agenda was approved on a motion by Tammy Bramley, seconded by Michelle Wodtke-Franks. All ayes.

Treasurer's Report (including funding report as available) – The Treasurer's report was given by Anderson. The Bills Paid Report showed that checks totaling \$1,234.07 were disbursed and that a \$20,000 transfer was made into the checking account. The beginning balance on July 24, 2018 was \$8,728.29 and ended on August 30, 2018 with a balance of \$27,494.22. A report of current committee budgets was also given. As of August 31, 2018 LHA has funds totaling \$322, 717 of which \$126,398 are unobligated. The LHA Executive Committee has total funds of \$114,207.53 of which the available unobligated amount is \$96,373.36, of which \$101.33 will be transferred to Protection for their proposed RFP. LHA Economic Development Committee has total funds of \$34,799.44 of which \$8,293.30 are unobligated. LHA Protection Committee has total funds of \$19,898.67. The LHA Exec. Committee agreed to contribute \$101.33 to the Protection Committee to allow for the total amount that they have to be rounded to \$20,000 for a potential RFP. The LHA Stewardship Committee currently has \$7,000 total of which all of is unobligated.

Committee Reports

Stewardship: McGaffin gave the report. Both PF farm biologists gave updates. Harrison County has now surpassed 5,000 acres of land in the IHAP program. Newspaper articles have been printed about the program and the economic impact of hunters to the area. The two PF contracts are soon expiring and people on the stewardship committee are looking for alternative sources for funding. It was also reported that 9/27-9/30/18 the "Parks & Peaks" bicycle ride will take place starting at Stone State Park and ending at Waubonsie. The committee also may ask for the LHA Chairman to help with signing and supporting any grants that they look into for funding sources.

Protection: McGaffin gave the report. Opossum Hollow dedication will occur on 9/20/18 at 10:30am and Doc Wannamaker's Eli Slusher Wildlife Management Area is being dedicated on 9/20/18 at 2pm. LHA contributed to both of these projects and is recognized at both properties. The RFP that was sent out but was not sent to media, only the full membership.

Economic: Anderson gave the report. The committee is in the middle of reprinting the Visitors Guide and will be reprinting 30,000 of them. Guidebooks are also going to be given out at the Clay County Fair. Approximately 7 ½ boxes were distributed at the Iowa State Fair and cases are still going out weekly from attractions and welcome centers that request them.

Executive: Pope gave the report. Action on acquisition and the LHA role with the topic was brought up for consideration. Lengthy discussion took place at length about acquisition and the LHA position on the issue. A motion was made by Bramley, seconded by Anderson that “the LHA will not use funds for acquisition of land, for resource protection, including, but not limited to, source water, remnant prairie habitat, etc.” More discussion then took place. The motion passed 4 – 1.

Committee reports were approved on a motion by Linda Herman, seconded by Scott Belt. All ayes.

Old Business

“Friends of the Loess Hills State Forest” as a committee of the LHA was discussed, accepted and adopted on a motion by Bramley, seconded by Benton with the condition that a severance clause will be added and with the understanding that any all LHA Bylaws will supersede any Bylaws of the Friends of the Loess Hills State Forest. All ayes.

New Business

- A) LHA “Field Day” Date for Iowa Legislature will be moved later into the Fall. McGaffin will work on the date and invitation and will supply information as it becomes available.

Announcements

Adjourn - Adjournment was made on a motion by Tammy Bramley, seconded by Graham McGaffin. All ayes.

Next Meeting -December 5, 2018 1:00 PM Loess Hills Brent S. Olson Visitor's Center, Pisgah