



**LHA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES
Loess Hills Brent S. Olson
Visitor's Center - Pisgah, IA**

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

The Executive Committee of the LHA was called to order at 11:07 AM, Wednesday, March 2, 2022 at Loess Hills Brent S. Olson Visitor's Center, Pisgah, IA by Chairman, Rich Pope with quorum declared. Introductions were made, and the travel sheet was signed.

Those present at today's meeting: Rich Pope, Bob Benton, Renea Anderson, Lance Brisbois, Patty McCall, Dawn Snyder, and Nick Beeck.

APPROVE MINUTES: A Motion was made by Renea Anderson, seconded by Dawn Snyder to approve the February 2, 2022 LHA Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried.

APPROVE AGENDA: A Motion was made by Bob Benton, seconded by Nic Beeck to approve the March 2, 2022 LHA Executive Committee Agenda. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Renea Anderson presented the November 25, 2021 through February 28, 2022 Treasurer's Report to the Executive Committee Members. The Bills Paid Report showed payments for Secretary, Jeannette Riesberg's work, Western Iowa Tourism was paid \$37.84 for Postage and Delivery, Harrison County GIS was paid \$22.50 for 2021 Annual Report, Golden Hills RC & D was paid \$17.75 for Printing Annual Report, and Business Publication was paid \$590.75 for 2 Travel Iowa Ads. Total checks paid was \$2,315.24. The Loess Hills Alliance Funds Report showed Total Unobligated Remaining Funds to 06/30/22 is \$251,185.00 with 494 Other Current Assets. Total Reserve Funds to Obligate or Carryover for Executive Committee is \$737.96. Total approved projects for Executive Committee is \$10,154.91. Executive/Board Total Funds on Hand on Hand is \$145,862.71.

Motion was made by Dawn Snyder, seconded by Bob Benton to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Stewardship: Lance reported that the Stewardship Committee did not meet this morning. Four RFP projects were approved at the last Stewardship Committee meeting on February 2, 2022; (Environmental Education Department of Pottawattamie Conservation-Project Title: Native Pollinator Demonstration Garden, Harrison County Conservation Board-Project Title: HCCB-Seasonal Natural Resource Technician, Loess Hills Fire Partners-Project Title: Cooperative Burn Week 2022, and Monona County Conservation-Project Title: Prairie Restoration at Savery Pond).

The Stewardship Committee is waiting to hear if additional funding will be allocated from the Executive Committee to help fund the last two projects. (Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation- Project Title: Loess Hills INHF Land Stewardship Program, and The Nature Conservancy-Project Title: Broken Kettle Grasslands-Invasive Tree Clearing 2021-2022).

Protection: No Protection Committee report.

Economic: Renea Anderson reported that the Economic Development Committee met on Monday, February 28, 2022. 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 Patty McCall, seconded by Dawn Snyder to accept the Committee Reports. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Loess Hills Prairie Seminar Funding: The Loess Hills Prairie Seminar will be held on June 3- 5, 2022. A Motion was made by Renea Anderson, seconded by Dawn Snyder to allocate \$2,000.00 funding towards the Loess Hills Prairie Seminar. Motion carried. Tyler Ruge, Loess Hills Prairie Seminar Coordinator will present an invoice to Loess Hills Alliance Chairman, Rich Pope.

NEW BUSINESS

Legislature Report and Funding Update: No report from Lobbyist, Craig Patterson. The Legislature reports from Craig Patterson will be emailed to Secretary, Jeannette Riesberg to be forwarded on to all Loess Hills Alliance Members.

Approval for \$4,220.00 Funding Balance/Stewardship Committee RFP: A Motion was made by Bob Benton, seconded by Patty McCall to allocate \$4,220.00 funding to Stewardship Committee to help fund the last two RFP projects, (Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation- Project Title: Loess Hills INHF Land Stewardship Program, and The Nature Conservancy-Project Title: Broken Kettle Grasslands-Invasive Tree Clearing 2021-2022). Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ADJOURN A Motion was made by Dawn Snyder, seconded by Patty McCall to adjourn the meeting at 11:41 pm.

Next Meeting May 4, 2022 at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by
Jeannette Riesberg