



**LHA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES
Monona County Conservation Board
Onawa, IA
Wednesday, August 5, 2020**

The Executive Committee of the LHA was called to order at 1:03 PM, Wednesday, August 5, 2020 at Monona County Conservation Board, Onawa, IA by Chairman, Dawn Snyder with quorum declared. Introductions were made and the travel sheet was signed.

Those present at today's meeting: Rich Pope, Bob Benton, Dawn Snyder, Lance Brisbois, Graham McGaffin, Tammy Bramley, and Renea Anderson.

APPROVE MINUTES: A Motion was made by Renea Anderson, seconded by Rich Pope to approve the March 4, 2020 LHA Executive Committee Minutes. Motion Carried. Tammy Bramley abstained.

APPROVE AGENDA: A Motion was made by Tammy Bramley, seconded by Graham McGaffin to approve the August 5, 2020 LHA Executive Committee Agenda. Motion Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Renea Anderson presented the Treasurer's Report to the Executive Committee Members. The Bills Paid Report from February 19, 2020 through June 30, 2020 showed that Western Iowa Tourism Region was paid \$36.93 for 3rd Qtr Fulfillment and \$150.00 for Membership #4702, Business Publications Corp, Inc was paid \$573.75 for Travel IA Ad, Campbell/Patterson Consulting, LLP was paid \$3,500.00 for Lobbyist-2020 Session, Wia Tel was paid \$128.40 for 6 Domain Name Renewals, and Golden Hills RC & D was paid \$63. 50 for Postage/Printing/Website and \$1,492.50 for 3rd Qtr Fiscal Management. Total checks paid was \$9,753.58 with 0 transfers. Total checking account balance for February 19, 2020 through June 30, 2020 is \$11,939.98. The Bills Paid Report from July 1, 2020 through July 30, 2020 showed that The Hoffman Agency was paid \$400.00 for General Liability Insurance and \$450.00 for D & O Insurance, Golden Hills RC & D was paid \$6.60 for Postage, and Images of Western Iowa Calendar was paid \$240.00 for 2021 Calendars. Total checks paid was \$1,672.60 with 1 Transfer. Total checking account balance for July 1, 2020 through July 30, 2020 is \$10,507.38.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Stewardship: Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the 2020 Hitchcock Nature Center BioBlitz and the 2020 Cooperative Burn Week were canceled. The \$1,500.00 allocation funding to help with financial support for the 2020 Hitchcock Nature Center BioBlitz and the \$2,000.00 allocation funding to help with financial support for the 2020 Cooperative Burn Week will remain in the Stewardship Committee budget.

“Friends of LHSF/Preparation Canyon SP”: Thirty Loess Hills 2021 Calendars were purchased from Images of Western Iowa Calendar for \$240.00.

Protection: Graham McGaffin reported that the Loess Hills Protection Committee Project Title “Hebert Conservation Easement” is on tract. The Protection Committee will be working on another RFP to be done by September. The language for the RFP or contract will include “Subject to Availability of State Funding”.

Economic: Renea Anderson reported that there will be two state visitor’s guides distributed FY2020, Spring & Summer and Fall & Winter. The Fall & Winter state visitor guide will be the next one to be distributed. Advertising through Our Iowa magazine continues. Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the 2020 Woodbine Applefest and Clay County Fair has been canceled.

A Motion was made by Rich Pope, seconded by Bob Benton to accept the Committee Reports. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Legislative: The Loess Hills Alliance has received \$40,000.00 FY20-21 from the State of Iowa. Lobbyist, Campbell/Patterson Consulting, LLP reported that it will be a tight election year. Revenues will be down.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget-Discussion of Overall Budget & Committee Allocations: A proposal was made to allocate the 40,000.00 state funding as the same as last year for each Committee. A motion was made by Tammy Bramley, seconded by Bob Benton to recommend to the LHA Full Board allocations of:

Stewardship	\$7,000.00
Protection	\$7,000.00
Econ Dev.	\$7,000.00
Executive	\$15,000.00
Admin. Fees	4,000.00

and to use the \$15,00.00 Executive Committee funding to help fund projects in the Loess Hills. Motion Carried. The Loess Hills Alliance Reserve Funds can also be used to help fund projects in the Loess Hills.

COVID-19 Concerns: Discussion was held concerning the Coronavirus pandemic for the upcoming September LHA meetings; what buildings will be open for staff meetings, weather conditions for outside meetings, and social distancing mandates per county. Suggestions that were discussed:

Hitchcock Nature Center
Sloan Community Center
Ute Community Center
Monona County Courthouse
Monona County Arboretum
Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center
Waubonsie State Park

A decision concerning the September Loess Hills Alliance meetings will be made at a later date.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ADJOURN A Motion was made by Bob Benton, seconded by Renea Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 1:50 PM.

Next Meeting September 2, 2020 at Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center, Sioux City, at 10:30 AM

Respectfully Submitted by
Jeannette Riesberg