

LHA Protection Committee Draft Meeting Minutes

08/03/2016

Loess Hills State Forest Headquarters

Pisgah, IA

1. Call to Order and Introductions

- Scott Nelson, Protection Committee Chairman, called to order the meeting of the LHA Protection Committee at 9:07 A.M.
- Those in attendance were: Scott Nelson, Graham McGaffin, Emogene Andrews, Carol Cowsert, Linda Herman, Michelle Wodtke Franks and Glenn Pollock.

2. Approve Minutes

- A motion was made by Graham McGaffin to approve the minutes of the 05/04/2016 meeting. Linda Herman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

3. Approve Agenda

- Linda Herman made a motion to approve the 08/03/2016 meeting agenda with a second by Graham McGaffin. Motion passed.

4. Treasurer Report

- The Treasurer's report was presented by Scott Nelson with an estimated balance of \$32,898.67 available for FY17.
- We are waiting on a billing for the FY16 funded Rosie Hall project. Matt Dollison was not in attendance to provide an update.
- Michelle Wodtke Franks shared information on the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation REAP application.

5. Old Business

- **Review 2015 Grants**—no discussion
- **Options for Protection Funds**
 - What to do with FY17 funds?
 - Grants
 - Mapping of protected land
 - to be included in the Protection Committee annual report
 - Endangered Species Inventory
 - Is the Protection Committee the best one to do this?
 - Current inventory is outdated – scoring criteria is part of the acquisition RFP
 - Invite ISU Extension to the September meeting at Waubonsie to discuss the inventory. Linda Herman will obtain and forward contact information to Scott Nelson who will organize the invitation.
 - Grant Process
 - Committee agreed to continue with acquisition and easement grants
 - Request for Proposal deadline is October 7th by 4:30 P.M. by email and a hard copy
 - Golden Hills will send out a press release as soon as possible. Michelle will work with Jeannette to get this completed.
 - The Scoring Committee will be Rick Schneider, Scott Nelson and Brent Olson.

6. New Business

- **Review Grant Scoring Criteria**
 - No revisions to the scoring criteria for this year.
- **PF Farm Bill Biologist**
 - Nick Salick gave a report on his activities this quarter.
- **Michelle Franks encouraged Legislator outreach**
 - Linda Herman stated it was important to stress the connection between conservation and water quality.
 - Legislators to contact—Jason Schultz, Matt Windschitl and Dave Sieck
 - It was suggested meeting with the legislators to connect the prevention of a Federal mandate through LHA resources.
 - Senator Schultz—September or October
- **Promote the Bird Conservation Area**
 - Scott Nelson suggested the Committee should arrange a field visit

7. Announcements

- Michelle Franks will talk with Tim Sproul about promoting the LHA on September 24th at the INHF Turin Prairie dedication.
- Glenn Pollock had sent a thank you card to Diane Blankenship for supporting LHPS
- The Iowa Prairie Conference will be June 22nd – 30th, 2017.
- It was suggested the Committee check into having a booth at Carsten Farm Days. Michelle Franks will check on this.

8. Next Meeting Date

- The next meeting will be November 2, 2016 at the Loess Hills State Forest Headquarters in Pisgah, IA.

9. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 10:10 A.M.