



**LHA PROTECTION
COMMITTEE DRAFT MINUTES**

**Wednesday, August 12, 2020
Video conference call**

The Protection Committee of the LHA met Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. via video conference call. Those in attendance: Lance Brisbois, Michelle Wodtke Franks, Graham McGaffin, Scott Nelson, and Dawn Snyder.

The meeting was called to order at 9:12 A.M. by Protection Committee Chair, Graham McGaffin

APPROVE MINUTES – A motion to approve the November 6, 2019 Protection Committee Meeting Minutes was made by Scott Nelson, seconded by Lance Brisbois. Motion Carried.

APPROVE AGENDA – A motion to approve the August 12, 2020 Agenda was made by Michelle Wodtke Franks, seconded by Scott Nelson. Motion Carried.

BUDGET UPDATE – Total Protection Committee Funds Balance as of August 12, 2020 was \$0. All FY20 funding from was to projects. Awaiting FY21 allocation, expected to be \$7,000.

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

NEW BUSINESS

- 2020 LHA Committee Allocations

Graham described that the anticipated breakdown of the \$40,000 appropriated to the Loess Hills Alliance was \$7,000 to Protection Committee, \$7,000 to Stewardship Committee, and \$7,000 to Economic Development Committee; \$4,000 for overhead; and \$15,000 for the Executive Committee. The Committee discussed the value in merging Protection and Stewardship Committees to make additional funding available for grant applicants, and thus make the program more appealing, but no decision was made.

- RFP

The Protection Committee decided to proceed with an RFP for FY21 LHA Protection Committee funding. Graham will draft and circulate it to the Committee for review in advance of sending out to the full Loess Hills Alliance board, partners, and local press. It was suggested that given the uncertainty around budgets in light of COVID-19, we should add a termination clause should the LHA appropriate be rescinded. Michelle offered to send draft termination to Graham to include in RFP. An RFP for FY21 LHA Protection Committee funding will be circulated to the full LHA Board in advance of the September meeting and the application period will accept proposals through October 2, 2020, which is consistent with previous years' timelines.

ANNOUNCEMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE – November 4, 2020.

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