



**LHA PROTECTION
COMMITTEE DRAFT MINUTES**

**Wednesday, February 6, 2019
9:00 AM Loess Hills Brent S. Olson
Visitor's Center–Pisgah, Iowa**

The Protection Committee of the LHA met Wednesday, February 6, 2019 at 9:00 A.M. at the Loess Hills Brent S. Olson Visitor's Center. Those in attendance: Michelle Wodtke Franks, Linda Herman, Jake Holt, Nic Salick, Graham McGaffin, Rocky De Witt, Jeff Seago, and Scott Nelson.

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 A.M. by Chairman, Graham McGaffin.

APPROVE AGENDA – A motion to approve the February 6, 2019 Agenda was made by Rocky De Witt, seconded by Linda Herman. Motion Carried.

APPROVE MINUTES – A motion to approve the November 7, 2018 Protection Committee Meeting Minutes was made by Scott Nelson, seconded by Michelle Wodtke Franks. Motion Carried.

BUDGET UPDATE –Total Protection Committee Funds Balance as of February 6, 2019 is \$20,000.00.

OLD BUSINESS-No "Old Business" at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

- LHA Protection Committee Scoring Team Recommendations for FY19 Funding.

The FY18 RFP Grant Application was resent out in November 2018 and two applications were received by the deadline, January, 11, 2019.

First Application: A request for \$4,500.00 to help fund the Conservation Corps Iowa for restoration work on the 72-acre Hanson property (Monona Complex). Project title is Monona Complex Vegetation Management, project lead is the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation. The Hanson property located in Monona County is 41 acres prairie/savanna, 19 acres woodland, and 12 acres grassland.

Second Application: A request for \$10,000.00 to restore approximately 121 acres of Loess Hills mid-grass prairie that has been encroached upon by eastern red cedar and deciduous woody plants. Project title is Christensen Farm Prairie Restoration, project lead is the Iowa DNR Loess Hills State Forest. The project is located near Pisgah, Harrison County.

Both applications scored well by the Scoring Committee. The Protection Committee decided that both projects were good projects. A Motion was made by Linda Herman, seconded by Nic Salick to approve \$4,500.00 funding FY19 for the Monona Complex Vegetation Management Project. Motion carried. Jeff Seago abstained. A Motion was made by Linda Herman, seconded by Michelle Wodtke Franks to approve \$10,000.00 FY19 funding for the Christensen Farm Prairie Restoration Project. Motion carried. Jeff Seago abstained. The Protection Committee will share their recommendation to the Executive Committee at the 1:00 pm meeting today.

For promotional ideas, the Committee suggested to use these projects for future field days for school classrooms, landowners, and legislators. Also suggested was to do a documentary and have photos and videos taken of the work being done to be used for future educational purposes.

ANNOUNCEMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE – May 1, 2019, 9:00 am Loess Hills Brent S. Olson Visitor's Center, Pisgah, IA

ADJOURN – A Motion was made by Scott Nelson, seconded by Nic Salick to adjourn the meeting at 9:59 AM.