



**LHA PROTECTION  
COMMITTEE DRAFT MINUTES**

**Wednesday, August 3, 2022  
11:00 AM Loess Hills Brent S. Olson  
Visitor's Center–Pisgah, Iowa**

The Protection Committee of the LHA met Wednesday, August 3, 2022 at 11:00 A.M. at the Loess Hills Brent S. Olson Visitor's Center. Those in attendance: Graham McGaffin, Linda Herman, Kody Wohlers, Lance Brisbois, Lynn Grobe, Bob Benton, Jeff Seago, and Tabitha Panas.

The meeting was called to order at 11:07 A.M. by Chairman, Graham McGaffin.

APPROVE AGENDA – A motion to approve the August 3, 2022 Agenda was made by Bob Benton, seconded by Lynn Grobe. Motion Carried.

APPROVE MINUTES – A motion to approve the May 4, 2021 Protection Committee Meeting Minutes was made by Linda Herman, seconded by Kody Wohlers. Motion Carried.

BUDGET UPDATE –Graham reported that total unobligated funds for Protection Committee FY21-22 budget is \$10, 050.00.

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

- FY22-23 State Funding

The Loess Hills Alliance has received \$40,000.00 State Funding FY22-23. At the June 1, 2022 Executive Committee meeting, formal approval was made to allocate \$9,000.00 to each Loess Hills Alliance Committees.

- 2022 RFP Grant

With the unobligated funds of \$10,050.00 FY21-22 and the FY22-23 allocated funds of \$9,000.00, a total of \$19,050.00 funds will be available for the 2022 RFP Grant.

Previous RFP projects included Vegetation Management, Conservation Easements, and contract work with Conservation Corps Iowa. Chairman, Graham McGaffin will update the 2022 RFP Grant and email it out to all Protection Committee Members for any needed changes. The RFP will be sent out to the LHA Members and the media by the end of August and be due back in the office by the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of October.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT

Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist, Tabitha Panas introduced herself to the Protection Committee. Tabitha is taking over Jason Andersen's PL Position representing Harrison, Pottawattamie, and Shelby Counties.

Pheasants Forever & Quail Forever has announced that there is a job opening for a Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist position. This position will replace Jake Holt and represent Mills, Fremont, Montgomery, and Page Counties.

NEXT MEETING DATE – November 2, 2022

ADJOURN – A Motion was made by Jeff Seago, seconded by Kody Wohlers to adjourn the meeting at 11:21 am.