



**LHA PROTECTION  
COMMITTEE DRAFT MINUTES**

**Wednesday, August 4, 2021  
9:00 AM Loess Hills Brent S. Olson  
Visitor's Center–Pisgah, Iowa**

The Protection Committee of the LHA met Wednesday, August 4, 2021 at 9:00 A.M. at the Loess Hills Brent S. Olson Visitor's Center. Those in attendance: Graham McGaffin, Lance Brisbois, and Jeff Seago.

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 A.M. by Chairman, Graham McGaffin.

APPROVE AGENDA – A motion to approve the August 4, 2021 Agenda was made by Jeff Seago, seconded by Lance Brisbois. Motion Carried.

APPROVE MINUTES – A motion to approve the May 5, 2021 Protection Committee Meeting Minutes was made by Graham McGaffin, seconded by Jeff Seago. Motion Carried.

BUDGET UPDATE –Total Protection Committee Funds Balance at of August 2021 is \$18,000.00.

**OLD BUSINESS-**

- No "Old Business" at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- FY22 LHA Protection Committee Appropriation

FY21-22 State funding of \$40,000.00 for the Loess Hills Alliance has been approved. (\$7,000.00 for each Committee, Administration Fee-\$4,000.00, and Executive-\$15,000.00 for general projects).

- LHA Protection Committee Balance after FY22 Appropriation

The LHA Protection Committee Fund Balance after FY22 Appropriation is \$18,000.00, \$3,000.00 remaining unspent funds from 2021, \$8,000.00 relinquished funds from TNC for the Hebert Conservation Easement project in Plymouth County, and \$7,000.00 (FY22 LHA Protection Committee Appropriation). A formal approval FY22 budget allocations for each Committee will be done at the September 1, 2021 Full Board meeting.

- LHA Protection Committee Request for Proposals

A total of \$18,000.00 will be available for this fall's Protection Committee RFP. A press release will be sent out this month. The RFP will be sent out on September 1, 2021 and due back into the office by October 1, 2021.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT

Jeff Seago reported that the Christensen Farm Prairie Restoration project is going good. With the help from Pottawattamie County Conservation, over 60 acres is now open prairie. Seed collecting is also being done. A prescribed burn will be done this fall. A suggestion was made to take the LHA Full Board Members up to the Christensen Farm to show them the work that is being done after the Full Board meeting on September 1, 2021.

Brent's Trail Extension Opening Hike will be held on Saturday, August 28, 2021 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. The new extension adds just over 4 miles to the southern end of Brent's Trail.

NEXT MEETING DATE – November 3, 2021

ADJOURN – A Motion was made by Graham McGaffin, seconded by Lance Brisbois to adjourn the meeting at 9:46 AM.