

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

03-03-2021

ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING

The Stewardship Committee of the LHA convened at 9:06 AM with Lance Brisbois presiding. Those in attendance were: Lance Brisbois, Linda Herman, Graham McGaffin, and Rocky DeWitt.

APPOVAL OF 02/03/2021 MINUTES AND 03/03/2021 AGENDA ITEMS

A Motion was made to approve the Minutes from 02-03-2021 and the Agenda from 03-03-2021 by Rocky DeWitt, seconded by Linda Herman. Motion carried.

BUDGET UPDATE –Total Stewardship Committee Funds to Obligate or Carryover FY/21 is \$14,000.00. Funding of \$7,000.00 was allocated FY19-20 to help fund the Private Lands Positions, but has not been paid out. Pheasants Forever may request \$7,000.00 FY21 to help fund the Private Lands Positions. That would leave \$7,000.00 funds left to allocate. The PL Position that was held by Jake Holt has not been filled. At this time, Monona County is not being represented. The National Fish & Wildlife Foundation and USDA may have some Grant funding to help fill these Positions.

PL POSITION

- **Harrison/Pottawattamie/Shelby** No report at this time.

Old Business:

- **RFP Review**

A RFP was created to formalize the funding that the Stewardship Committee allocates. The updated draft RFP was presented to the Stewardship Committee for review. The Committee decided to award up to \$14,000.00 for the RFP and to take out the scoring information. The maximum request per grant will be \$5,000.00. Applications must be received by March 31, 2021. Projects that will be considered will be education, prescribed fire, cedar cutting, to increase habitat on the land, PL Positions, Cooperative Burn Week, and LHPS. After the changes have been made, the RFP will be sent out.

The Stewardship Committee has received an application from Loess Hills Fire Partners for \$2,000.00 to help support Cooperative Burn Week 2021, April 26th-30th, 2021. A Motion was made by Linda Herman, seconded by Graham McGaffin to allocate \$2,000.00 to Loess Hills Fire Partners in support of Cooperative Burn Week 2021. Motion carried.

New Business: No "New Business" at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Western Research & Demonstration Farm, Castana, Iowa will be celebrating 75 years. The celebration will be held in September 2021. On day will involve high school Agriculture classes and one day for adults. A meal will be served. More information will be shared at a later date.

A 4-day hike, LoHi Trek with Kelly Madigan is scheduled for June 6-9, 2021 from Southwood Conservation Area to Loess Hills State Forest. Thirty people have registered.

The 2021 Loess Hills Prairie Seminar is scheduled for June 4th, 5th, and 6th, 2021. The Seminar will be a Hybrid-Virtual/In Person @ Seminar Site. The "Great Race Against Shrubs and Shade" onsite event will be held on Friday, June 4th, from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. The Keynote speaker will be Via Zoom and on Saturday there will be four workshops held virtually. Breakout sessions that include "Primitive Skills", "Prairie Walk", "Geocache", and "Bike Ride" will be held on Sunday, June 6th.

ADJOURN A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Graham McGaffin, seconded by Linda Herman at 9:31 am. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING May 5, 2021