

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

06-02-2021

Loess Hills Brent S Olson Visitor's Center

Pisgah, IA

The Stewardship Committee of the LHA convened at 9:00 AM with Lance Brisbois presiding. Those in attendance were: Lance Brisbois, Linda Herman, Kody Wohlers, Jason Andersen, and Matt Dollison.

APPOVAL OF 05/05/2021 MINUTES AND 06/02/2021 AGENDA ITEMS

A Motion was made to approve the Minutes from 05-05-2021 and the Agenda from 06-02-2021 by Linda Herman, seconded by Kody Wohlers. Motion carried.

BUDGET UPDATE –During the May Stewardship Committee meeting, \$2,000.00 was allocated to Harrison County Conservation Board to help support the Seasonal Natural Resource Technician position and \$1,500.00 was allocated to Pottawattamie Conservation to help support the Bioblitz 2021 project. Total reserve funds to obligate or carryover as of May 24, 2021 is \$8,500.00. Pheasants Forever will request funding to help fund the Private Lands Positions at a later date.

PL POSITION

- **Harrison/Pottawattamie/Shelby**

Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist, Jason Andersen reported that he continues to work with landowners on projects that include brush management, cedar removal, Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), etc. Jason has not received any updates on the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). Outreach virtual workshop series about wildlife habitat topics are being presented on the second Thursday of each month at 2:00 pm. Registration and information can be found at www.jasoneandersen.com/outreach. The next outreach virtual workshop will be held on Thursday, June 10, 2021 at 2 pm presenting "Canada Thistle Control in Natural Areas".

Old Business:

- **Loess Hills Cooperative Burn Week Update-Kody Wohlers**

Kody Wohlers presented the Loess Hills Cooperative Burn Week 2021 report to the Stewardship Committee. Cooperative Burn Week, April 26th – April 30th was based at the Broken Kettle Grassland Preserve headquarters with the focus on the northern Loess Hills, Plymouth, Woodbury, and Monona Counties. Burning was done all five days with a total of 1,792.6 total acres burned. A total of 48 agencies, 109 participants, which included 21 burn units participated in Cooperative Burn Week. Cooperative Burn Week was a positive experience and was successful in achieving land management goals, fire-line training, leadership skills, and improving collaboration between partners in the Loess Hills region. Next year, Loess Hills Cooperative Burn Week will be held in the southern Loess Hills.

New Business:

- No “New Business” at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Loess Hills Prairie Seminar will be held on June 4th – June 6th, 2021. The G.R.A.S.S. (Great Race Against Shrubs & Shade) event will be held on Friday, June 4th from 9am to 12pm. A four day hike (LoHi Trek) will be held from June 6th – 9th starting at the Loess Hills Prairie Seminar site to Southwood Conservation Area.

ADJOURN A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Linda Herman, seconded by Matt Dollison at 9:30 am. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING August 4, 2021 10:30 am.