

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

08-04-2021

Loess Hills Brent S Olson Visitor's Center

Pisgah, IA

The Stewardship Committee of the LHA convened at 10:41 AM with Lance Brisbois presiding. Those in attendance were: Lance Brisbois, Thad Pothast, Craig Patterson, and Graham McGaffin.

APPOVAL OF 06/02/2021 MINUTES AND 08/04/2021 AGENDA ITEMS

A change was needed to the 08/04/2021 Stewardship Committee agenda. "Summer Intern Position-RFP Funding" was added to the 08/04/2021 Protection Committee agenda. A Motion was made to approve the Minutes from 06-02-2021 and the Amended Agenda from 08-04-2021 by Lance Brisbois, seconded by Thad Pothast. Motion carried.

BUDGET UPDATE – Total Stewardship Committee Funds Balance as of August 2021 is \$15,500.00.

PL POSITION

- **Harrison/Pottawattamie/Shelby**

Lance Brisbois reported that Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist, Jason Andersen has been doing a series of conservation webinars, focusing on land management topics. Jason presented "Canada Thistle Control in Natural Areas" on Thursday, June 10, 2021. Iowa Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever recognized a Harrison County producer, Mike Ziemba for an Environmental Quality Incentives Program (Eqip), converting his hayfield to native grass and wildflowers. Jason continues to work with landowners with site visits on habitat projects.

Old Business:

- **Summer Intern Position-RFP Funding**

Thad Pothast presented a report on the Summer Intern Position–RFP Funding to the Stewardship Committee Members. The Stewardship Committee allocated \$2,000.00 to Harrison County Conservation Board to help support the Seasonal Natural Resource Technician position. Harrison County Conservation Board hired a sophomore from The University of Iowa, Iowa City for the summer intern position. Thad reported that he helped with sweet clover cutting, trail maintenance, prairie restoration, etc. Work was done on Brent's Trail, Murray Hill, Willow Lake Recreation Area, etc. A written report by Thad will be presented to the Stewardship Committee at a later date.

New Business:

- **FY22 LHA Stewardship 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). A formal approval FY22 budget allocations for each Committee will be done at the September 1, 2021 Full Board meeting.

- **Pheasants Forever Inc. & Quail Forever RFP**

The Stewardship Committee received a Grant application for \$7,500.00 from Pheasants Forever Inc. and Quail Forever to help fund the Private Lands Positions/Farm Bill Biologist program. A Motion was made by Graham McGaffin, seconded by Lance Brisbois to allocate \$7,500.00 for the Private Lands Positions/Farm Bill Biologist program. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

After the Loess Hills Prairie Seminar, Lance helped with a public four day hike (LoHi Trek) held on June 6th – 9th in Monona County with over 20 miles hiked.

A RFP Grant application will be needed next Spring from Kody Wohlers for Cooperative Burn Week.

ADJOURN A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Graham McGaffin, seconded by Lance Brisbois at 11:13 am. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING September 1, 2021 9:00 am.