

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

09-02-2020

Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center

Sioux City, IA

The Stewardship Committee of the LHA convened at 9:35 AM with Lance Brisbois presiding. Those in attendance were: Lance Brisbois, Dawn Snyder, Michelle Wodtke Franks (by zoom), and Jason Andersen (by zoom).

APPROVAL OF 02/05/2020 MINUTES AND 09/02/2020 AGENDA ITEMS

A Motion was made to approve the Minutes from 02-05-2020 and the Agenda from 09-02-2020 by Michelle Wodtke Franks, seconded by Dawn Snyder. Motion carried.

BUDGET UPDATE – A Motion was made by Michelle Wodtke Franks, seconded by Dawn Snyder to rescind the funding of last year's projects (\$1,500.00 funding for financial support for the 2020 Hitchcock Nature Center BioBlitz and the \$2,000.00 funding for financial support for the 2020 Cooperative Burn Week) and to open the funds up again for this years' projects. Motion carried. Applications for funding of future projects will need to re-apply. Total Stewardship Committee Funds to Obligate or Carryover FY20/21 is \$14,000.00.

PL POSITION

- **Audubon/Cass/Harrison/Pottawattamie/Shelby**

Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist, Jason Andersen reported that his office will be located in Council Bluffs and will represent Harrison, Pottawattamie, and Shelby Counties. Jason will no longer represent Audubon and Cass Counties. At this time, Jason has been working with landowners through the Conservation Reserve Programs. Long-term projects will include cedar removal and prescribed fires to reclaim prairies. Andersen reported that Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist, Jake Holt representing Fremont/Mills/Montgomery/Page Counties is no longer with Pheasants Forever and the Loess Hills Alliance. Jake is employed with the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Sidney, Iowa. The Loess Hills Alliance Stewardship Committee would like to thank Jake Holt for all his work in the Loess Hills.

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

New Business:

- **Stewardship Committee Budget Allocation**

The Stewardship Committee has received \$7,000.00 Appropriation FY20-21. Total Stewardship Committee Funds to Obligate or Carryover FY20/21 is \$14,000.00. A RFP option was discussed at the Stewardship Committee meeting. Discussion included; Timeline for the RFP would have to be different than the Protection Committee's RFP, to get matching funds, supplement small projects with the funding, a formal process and paper trail would be needed, and post it to the Loess Hills Alliance Facebook page and the LHA Website. The Protection Committee RFP's deadline is October 2, 2020. Lance Brisbois, Stewardship Committee Chairman, will be working on the RFP.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURN A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Dawn Snyder, seconded by Michelle Wodtke Franks at 9:58 am. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING November 4, 2020 at 10:30 am Tentative Location: Loess Hills Brent S. Olson Visitor's Center, Pisgah, IA