

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

11-06-2019

Loess Hills Brent S. Olson Visitor's Center

Pisgah, IA

The Stewardship Committee of the LHA convened at 10:50 AM with Lance Brisbois presiding. Those in attendance were: Lance Brisbois, Rocky DeWitt, Jake Holt, Linda Herman, Tim Sproul, Larry Green, and Scott Nelson.

APPOVAL OF 9/04/2019 MINUTES AND 11/06/2019 AGENDA ITEMS

A Motion was made to approve the Minutes from 09-04-2019 and the Agenda from 11-06-2019 by Linda Herman, seconded by Rocky DeWitt. Motion carried.

BUDGET UPDATE – Total Stewardship Committee Funds to Obligate or Carryover FY19/20 is \$7,000.00.

PL POSITION

- **Harrison/Pottawattamie/Monona** No report at this time.
- **Fremont/Mills/Montgomery/Page**

Jake reported that the wetness has continued to create issues in wetland designs and layout of practices. Landowners have been asking questions regarding what programs are available to provide financial assistance to address flooding issues. Jake has been working on certifying cover crops on preventive plant acres on the flooded acres on the Missouri River Bottom, working with landowners on CRP re-enrollments and new CRP offers, and working with partners to preserve native prairies. While CRP Signup 52 has decreased, landowners are reenrolling in CP21 (Filter Strip) and CP23 (Wetland Restoration) programs. Future meetings for landowners will be held concerning CRP updates.

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

New Business:

- **FY19/20 Un-Obligated \$7,000.000 Funds Discussion**

The Stewardship Committee held a discussion concerning the un-obligated funds of \$7,000.00. Options discussed were helping fund the PL Positions, Jake Holt and Nic Salick from July 1, 2020 through July 1, 2021, future RFP projects, Cooperative Burn week, Loess Hills Prairie Seminar, etc. A financial report will be done on the past donations. More discussion will be held at the next Stewardship Committee meeting on December 4, 2019.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURN A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Rocky DeWitt, seconded by Tim Sproul at 11:21 am. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING Due to the Western Iowa Legislative Forum on December 4, 2019, the Stewardship meeting will be canceled. The next Stewardship Committee meeting will be held tentatively on February 5, 2020 at 10:30 am at the Loess Hills Brent S. Olson Visitor's Center, Pisgah, IA