

# **STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE DRAFT MEETING MINUTES**

**2-02-2022**

## **Loess Hills Brent S Olson Visitor's Center**

### **Pisgah, IA**

The Stewardship Committee of the LHA convened at 11:05 AM with Lance Brisbois presiding. Those in attendance were: Lance Brisbois, Jason Andersen, Linda Herman, Brian Shea, Scott Nelson, Bob Benton, Kody Wohlers, and Jeff Seago.

#### **APPOVAL OF 12/01/2021 MINUTES AND 2/02/2022 AGENDA ITEMS**

A Motion was made to approve the Minutes from 12-01-2021 and the Agenda from 2-02-2022 by Scott Nelson, seconded by Kody Wohlers. Motion carried.

**BUDGET UPDATE** – As of January 31, 2022, total Reserve Funds/Unobligated is \$8,000.00.

#### **PL POSITION**

- **Harrison/Pottawattamie/Shelby**

Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist, Jason Andersen reported that he has been working on an Iowa Habitat and Access Program (IHAP) with a Harrison County landowner. This will open 180 acres of new public hunting by September 1, 2022. Jason has also been working with a landowner on an Environmental Quality Incentives Program (Eqip) project for cedar and invasive honeysuckle removal on remnant prairie pasture.

Jason announced that he has accepted a new position at Mills County Secondary Roads, Roadside Vegetation Manager. The Loess Hills Alliance Stewardship Committee would like to thank Jason for all his work in the Loess Hills.

#### **Old Business:**

- **Reviewing the 2022 RFP's**

Chairman, Lance Brisbois reported that the Stewardship Committee received six Grant Applications for the 2022 RFP/\$8,000.00. Maximum request per Grant was \$3,000.00. Application deadline was 5:00 pm, January 31, 2022.

Environmental Education Department of Pottawattamie Conservation  
Project Title: Native Pollinator Demonstration Garden  
Amount of Grant Request-\$1,000.00

Harrison County Conservation Board  
Project Title: HCCB-Seasonal Natural Resource Technician  
Amount of Grant Request-\$3,000.00

Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation  
Project Title: Loess Hills INHF Land Stewardship Program  
Amount of Grant Request-\$2,520.00

Loess Hills Fire Partners  
Project Title: Cooperative Burn Week 2022  
Amount of Grant Request-\$1,500.00

Monona County Conservation  
Project Title: Prairie Restoration at Savery Pond  
Amount of Grant Request-\$2,200.00

The Nature Conservancy  
Project Title: Broken Kettle Grasslands-Invasive Tree Clearing 2021-2022  
Amount of Grant Request-\$2,000.00

The Stewardship Committee held a discussion concerning all the RFP Grant Applications. All Grant applications are great projects for the Loess Hills. A Motion was made by Brian Shea, seconded by Linda Herman to allocate \$8,000.00 funding towards the Native Pollinator Demonstration Garden, Pottawattamie Conservation-\$1,000.00, HCCB-Seasonal Natural Resource Technician-\$3,000.00, Loess Hills INHF Land Stewardship Program-\$2,520.00, Cooperative Burn Week 2022-\$1,500.00, Prairie Restoration at Savery Pond, Monona County-\$2,200.00, Broken Kettle Grasslands-Invasive Tree Clearing 2021-2022-\$2,000.00 and to recommend to the Executive Committee to fund the remainder \$4,220.00 balance. Motion Carried. A Contingency Motion was made by Jeff Seago, seconded by Brian Shea that if the Executive Committee funding of \$4,220.00 is not approved, the Stewardship Committee will allocate funding towards the Native Pollinator Demonstration Garden, Pottawattamie Conservation-\$1,000.00, HCCB-Seasonal Natural Resource Technician-\$3,000.00, Cooperative Burn Week 2022-\$1,500.00, and Prairie Restoration at Savery Pond, Monona County-\$2,200.00 totaling \$7,700.00 with an ending balance of \$300.00. Motion Carried.

**New Business:** No “New Business” at this time.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ADJOURN** A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Jeff Seago, seconded by Linda Herman at 11:50 am. Motion carried.

**NEXT MEETING** March 2, 2022 10:00 am.