

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

3-06-2019

Loess Hills Brent S. Olson Visitor's Center

Pisgah, IA

The Stewardship Committee of the LHA convened at 9:18 AM with Nic Salick presiding. Those in attendance were: Nic Salick, Linda Herman, Lance Brisbois, Jeff Seago, and Jake Holt.

APPROVAL OF 2/06/2019 MINUTES AND 3/06/2019 AGENDA ITEMS

A Motion was made to approve the Minutes from 2-06-2019 and the Agenda from 3-06-2019 by Jake Holt, seconded by Linda Herman. Motion carried.

BUDGET UPDATE –Total Stewardship Committee Funds to Obligate or Carryover FY18/19 is \$7,000.00. Grant funding or private funding are still being examined for the PL Positions, Jake Holt and Nic Salick. With the shortfall of funding for the Loess Hills Alliance, other partners are in negotiations for funding Nic and Jake's PL Positions. Jeff Seago proposed to the Stewardship Committee to add "\$7000.00 Funding Allocation to help support the PL Positions, Jake Holt and Nic Salick" on the Agenda for the next Stewardship meeting on May 1, 2019.

PL POSITION

- **Harrison/Pottawattamie/Monona**

Nic reported that 50,000 was allocated through the State Wildlife Grant (SWG). This funding will be used towards cedar clearing in Monona, Pottawattamie, and Harrison Counties (within the Loess Hills landform). There will be 3 CRP Mid-Contract Management Workshops to be held in March, 2019. These workshops are intended to guide land managers and decision makers through the process of their required mid-contract management for land enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program.

March 14th-Onawa Community Center, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

March 21st-Underwood, UMBA Hall, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

March 28th-Logan Community Center, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

- **Fremont/Mills/Montgomery/Page**

Jake reported that he has been working on projects that include promoting native planting, EQIP, and prescribed fires. An article from The Valley News on "Iowa Pheasants Forever Awards Loess Hills Alliance 2019 Partner of the Year" was presented to the Stewardship Committee. Rich Pope was present to receive this award in Des Moines. A handout concerning sericea lespedeza was also presented to the Stewardship Committee. Options available for control of this invasive species include management, mechanical, and chemical methods.

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURN A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Linda Herman, seconded by Jake Holt at 9:47 am. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING May 1, 2019 at 10:30 am at the Loess Hills Brent S. Olson Visitor's Center, Pisgah, IA