

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

6-07-2017

Loess Hills State Forest Headquarters

Pisgah, IA

The Stewardship Committee of the LHA convened at 9:05 AM with Glenn Pollock presiding. Those in attendance were: Glenn Pollock, Rocky DeWitt, Emogene Andrews, Carol Cowser, Linda Herman, Graham McGaffin, and Michelle Wodtke Franks.

APPOVAL OF 5/03/2017 MINUTES AND 6/07/2017 AGENDA ITEMS

A Motion was made to approve the Minutes from 5-03-2017 and the Agenda from 6-07-2017 by Rocky DeWitt, seconded by Linda Herman. Motion carried.

BUDGET UPDATE – Michelle Wodtke Franks presented the Budget Update to the LHA Stewardship Committee members. Franks reported that State funding for the Loess Hills Alliance was cut from \$150,000.00 to \$40,000.00. At this time, it is not known what the Stewardship Committee will receive for future funding. The Loess Hills Alliance Executive Committee makes the final decision on how funding is allocated.

The Bills Paid Report from April 26, 2017 through June 2, 2017 showed that Pheasants Forever was paid \$30,000 for Farm Bill Biologist, Jake Holt and Nicholas Salick's LH Private Lands Positions Supp. Total Stewardship Community Budget Balance is \$17,648.07.

The Stewardship Committee held a discussion concerning future funding. At this time, all funding for the LHA comes from the State Legislatures. The Loess Hills Alliance is a non-profit organization. The committee discussed other options to look at for other available funding for example: Gilchrist Foundation, Iowa West Foundation, Pottawattamie County Community Foundation, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, etc. The Stewardship Committee would like to prioritize any funding available to help sponsor the Private Land Positions. A suggestion was made to use the Stewardship Community Budget Balance of \$17,648.07 and try and find Grant funds to match to help support the Private Land Positions.

A Motion was made by Michelle Wodtke Franks, seconded by Linda Herman to recommend to the LHA Executive Committee to help support the Private Land Positions and the Stewardship Committee will also look for extra funding through matching Grant Funding to help support the Private Lands Positions. Motion carried.

PL POSITION

- **Harrison/Pottawattamie/Monona-Not available for report.**
- **Fremont/Mills/Montgomery/Page-Not available for report.**

Old Business

- **Loess Hills Nature School/Jack Phillips-Not available for report.**

- **Review of Loess Hills Prairie Seminar**

Glenn Pollock presented the update on the Loess Hills Prairie Seminar. Pollock stated that the Prairie Seminar had a very good turnout with approximately 200 attendees with several new Presenters. Katie Thompson was the keynote speaker with 3 outings. Pollock stated that Andrea Porter, Loess Hills Prairie Seminar Coordinator did a great job.

New Business -None at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 2017 Iowa Prairie Conference will be held on July 14-15 in Council Bluffs. Pre-registration is required. Bus tours will include the north, south, and central Loess Hills. Partners on the Prairie Brush removal at Vincent Bluff State Preserve will be held on July 13, 2017.

A recap of the Cooperative Burn Week will be presented by Graham McGaffin at the next LHA Stewardship Committee meeting on August 2, 2017.

ADJOURN A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Linda Herman, seconded by Graham McGaffin at 10:01 AM. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING August 2, 2017 at 10:30 am at the Loess Hills State Forest Headquarters in Pisgah, Iowa.