

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

9-07-2022

Loess Hills Brent S Olson Visitor's Center

Pisgah, IA

The Stewardship Committee of the LHA convened at 10:20 AM with Lance Brisbois presiding. Those in attendance were: Lance Brisbois, Linda Herman, Brian Shea, and Kody Wohlers.

APPOVAL OF 6/01/2022 MINUTES AND 9/07/2022 AGENDA ITEMS

A Motion was made to approve the Minutes from 06-01-2022 and the Agenda from 09-07-2022 by Brian Shea, seconded by Linda Herman. Motion carried.

BUDGET UPDATE – As of September 6, 2022, total “Reserve Funds to Obligate or Carryover” is \$9,000.00. Total “Balance to Pay-Obligated Projects” is \$17,520.00.

PL POSITION

- **Harrison/Pottawattamie/Shelby**

No report from Tabitha Panas.

- **Fremont/Mills (and Montgomery/Page)**

Hallie Uhlig has been hired as the representative for the Loess Hills Alliance PL Position, representing Fremont, Mills, Montgomery, and Page Counties. The Loess Hills Alliance welcomes Hallie and looks forward to working with her.

Old Business: No “Old Business” at this time.

New Business:

- **FY22-23 State Funding**

The Loess Hills Alliance has received \$40,000.00 State Funding FY22-23. At the June 1, 2022 Executive Committee meeting, formal approval was made to allocate \$9,000.00 to each Loess Hills Alliance Committees. A total of \$9,000.00 will be available for the 2023 RFP to be presented this winter.

- **Watershed Enhancement Project**

As a private landowner, Kody Wohlers reported on his Watershed Enhancement Project to the Stewardship Committee. Project Title is Watershed Restoration and Renovation Project. Estimated Project Cost is \$86,000. Amount of Grant Request from the Loess Hills Alliance is \$20,000.00. The project objective is to implement a watershed improvement on private property to enhance wetland benefits in the local area, as well as downstream. The site is located in Pottawattamie County, 5 miles northwest of Underwood, IA, Hazel Dell Township. Goals and Objectives for this project includes erosion control & stabilization, nutrient & chemical filtration, increased water capacity & flow regulation, water retention for livestock & wildlife, wildlife habitat for aquatic and mammal species, recreational opportunities, demonstration site for conservation efforts on private working farm, and adjacent to Loess Hills Scenic Byway. The funding would go towards a new main dam construction, a core main dam to an average depth of 10'plus, refurbish upper dam & basin, three new retention basins, two Missouri crossing watering sites with top-side pools, tire spring tanks, and fencing around ponds & paddocks. At this time, no decision was made by the Stewardship Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURN A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Linda Herman, seconded by Brian Shea at 11:00 am. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING November 2, 2022 11:00 am.