

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

9-04-2019

Loess Hills Brent S. Olson Visitor's Center

Pisgah, IA

The Stewardship Committee of the LHA convened at 9:11 AM with Glenn Pollock presiding. Those in attendance were: Glenn Pollock, Nic Salick, Jake Holt, Linda Herman, Tim Sproul, Larry Green, and Lance Brisbois.

APPROVAL OF 6/05/2019 MINUTES AND 9/04/2019 AGENDA ITEMS

A Motion was made to approve the Minutes from 06-05-2019 and the Agenda from 9-04-2019 by Tim Sproul, seconded by Nic Salick. Motion carried.

BUDGET UPDATE - \$7,000.00 was allocated to help fund Jake Holt and Nic Salick's PL Positions at the 06/05/2019 Stewardship Committee meeting. Other funding has been received to support their PL Positions through June 30, 2020. Total Stewardship Committee Funds to Obligate or Carryover FY19/20 is \$7,000.00.

PL POSITION

- **Harrison/Pottawattamie/Monona**

Nic reported that he worked with the Iowa Prairie Network to tour the Larson Farm for a Brush Management workshop and worked with Practical Farmers of Iowa for an On-Farm Habitat Management for Wildlife and Water Quality workshop. The Loess Hills Prairie Seed Harvest, presented by Pheasants Forever and Golden Hills RC & D, will be held on the Caddy Property near Moorhead on Thursday, September 26th from 6:00 – 7:30 pm.

- **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 Emergency Wetland Protection Program (EWP) along with cover crops on preventive plant acres on flooded acres. Jake continues working with landowners on EQIP and CSP programs. Two Pollinator Field Days in Page and Fremont Counties were held to discuss CRP sign-up 52 Options and rule changes.

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

New Business:

- **Nomination-Stewardship Committee Chairman**

Chairman, Glenn Pollock will be stepping down from the position of Stewardship Committee Chairman and a new replacement is needed. Lance Bribois was nominated by Nic Salick for the position of Stewardship Committee Chairman. A Motion was made by Linda Herman, seconded by Jake Holt to accept the nomination of Lance Bribois for the position of Loess Hills Alliance Stewardship Committee Chairman. Motion carried. The Stewardship Committee thanks Glenn Pollock for his service as Chairman.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Loess Hills Parks & Peaks Bicycle Tour (a 4-day cycling tour of the Western Iowa's Loess Hills) starts today, September 4th through September 8th, 2019. There is a low turnout for the tour this year, due to flooding and a delayed plan route. First overnight stay will be in Pisgah.

The 37th Annual Carstens Farm Days will be held on Saturday, September 7th and Sunday, September 8th, 2019 near Shelby, Iowa.

The Loess Hills Prairie Seed Harvest, presented by Iowa National Heritage Foundation and Golden Hills RC & D, will hold a native prairie seed harvest in Monona County Loess Hills on Wednesday, October 9th from 5:30 – 7:00 pm.

Brent's Trail grand opening was held on Saturday, June 8th at Murray Hill Scenic Overlook. The grand opening was very successful with approximately 200 attendees. The 8 mile trail started at Murray Hill Scenic Overlook and ended at Gleason-Hubel Wildlife Area. West Harrison Community School District bus shuttle stopped at a half way point to pick up attendees if needed. There was horse patrol to help with parking and on the trail hike. Little Sioux Rescue Squad was also available. Harrison County provided a Tag Service, a check in and out service for the attendees. Approximately 60 attendees walked the entire trail. Discussion has been made to make this an annual Fall event.

The 2019 Loess Hills Music Festival will be held on September 28, 2019 at Blackburn Green Hollow Center near Thurman, Iowa. Fried chicken dinner by the Famous Fremont County Chicken Fry Team with Loess Hills Paw Paw desserts from Waubonsie State Park will be served from 5:00 – 7:15 pm. Hay rides, nature walk, pony rides, musical performances, etc. will be presented throughout the day. The State Park Donation Ceremony will be held from 4:30 – 5:00 pm.

ADJOURN Glenn Pollock adjourned the meeting at 10:06 am. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING November 6, 2019 at 10:30 am at the Loess Hills Brent S. Olson Visitor's Center, Pisgah, IA

