



**LHA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
Loess Hills Brent S. Olson
Visitor's Center – Pisgah, IA
Wednesday, November 7, 2018**

The Executive Committee of the LHA was called to order at 1:02 PM, Wednesday, November 7, 2018 at Loess Hills Brent S. Olson Visitor's Center, Pisgah, IA by Chairman, Rich Pope with quorum declared. Introductions were made and the travel sheet was signed.

Those present at today's meeting: Rich Pope, Dawn Snyder, Patty McCall, Graham McGaffin, Renea Anderson, Michelle Wodtke Franks, Bob Benton, and Scott Belt.

APPROVE MINUTES: A Motion was made by Renea Anderson, seconded by Patty McCall to approve the August 1, 2018 LHA Executive Committee Minutes. Motion Carried. A Motion was made by Bob Benton, seconded by Graham McGaffin to approve the September 5, 2018 LHA Executive Committee Minutes. Motion Carried.

APPROVE AGENDA: Under "New Business", the "Annual Reports" discussion was needed to move at the start of the meeting. A Motion was made by Dawn Snyder, seconded by Patty McCall to approve the amended November 7, 2018 LHA Executive Committee Agenda. Motion Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Renea Anderson presented the Treasurer's Report to the Executive Committee Members. The Bills Paid Report showed that Golden Hills RC & D was paid \$975.00 for FY19 1st Qtr Bookkeeping; Pheasants Forever was paid \$15,000.00 for FY18 Final Invoice-LH Farm Bill Biologists; and Loess Hills Development & Conservation Authority was paid \$800.00 for FY19 Appropriation Admin Fee. Total checks paid were \$17,810.46 with no transfers. Total checking account balance for August 31, 2018 through November 1, 2018 is \$9,683.76.

A Motion was made by Dawn Snyder, seconded by Patty McCall to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Stewardship: Graham McGaffin reported that Jake Holt & Nic Salick reported on their PL Position reports to the Stewardship Committee. Nic and Jake have been working on IHAP, EQIP, and WRE Programs with landowners. Options were discussed for Grant funding for the Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist Positions, Nic Salick and Jake Holt for example: Dean J. King Family Foundation and Iowa West Foundation. The Stewardship Committee decided to ask the Executive Committee to help write the letter of application for Grant funding to help fund the Loess Hills Alliance, a nonprofit organization. Rich Pope, Glenn Pollock, and Graham McGaffin will write the Grant Proposals and set up meetings with the people on the Grant Listing.

Protection: Graham McGaffin reported that the new updated version of the 2018 Loess Hills Alliance Protection Committee Grant Application was approved. All language concerning Acquisition was taken out of the new RFP. The Grant Application will be resent out in November. Applications must be received by 4:30 pm on January, 11, 2019. The Scoring Committee will submit the results to the Protection Committee at the February 6, 2018 meeting and present to the Full Board at the March 6, 2019 meeting.

Economic: Renea Anderson reported that Michelle Wodtke Franks saw the Loess Hills Truck Wrap on the eastbound I-80 rest stop near Des Moines. The Loess Hills National Scenic Byway Guidebooks are ready to be reprinted. 30,000 copies (3 ½ Pallets) of the Guidebooks will be printed. The (2017) 7 Loess Hills Counties Tourism number will be reported at the next Full Board meeting on December 5, 2018. The Economic Development Committee will meet next on Monday, December 3rd at the Harrison County Historical Village and Welcome Center in Missouri Valley.

A Motion was made by Bob Benton, seconded by Patty McCall to accept the Committee Reports. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

“Friends of the Loess Hills State Forest”: Rich Pope reported that the Loess Hills Alliance has been going through communications to visit with the "Friends of the Loess Hills State Forest" group. The next meeting for the "Friends of the Loess Hills State Forest" group will be held on November 15, 2018 at the Loess Hills Brent S. Olson Visitor's Center at 7:00 PM.

State Budget: With the results of the November 6, 2018 Elections, Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds became the first female Governor elected in Iowa. Republicans retain control of Iowa House and Senate. In other statewide races, Rob Sand-State Auditor, Paul Pate-Secretary of State, Tom Miller-Attorney General, Mike Fitzgerald-State Treasurer, and Mike Naig-Secretary of Agriculture.

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Reports: Michelle presented the requirements for the Annual Report Brochure to the Executive Committee Members. Each Committee will need a 500 to 600 word summary and 2-3 images (photos, ads, or logos). The summaries and photos must be submitted to Michelle through email by Monday, November 19th. The draft report will be given to the LHA Full Board Members at the December 5, 2018 meeting for any revisions, edits and approval. The final copy of the 2018 Annual Report will be submitted to the Iowa Legislature. The Executive Committee would like to thank Michelle for putting together The Loess Hills Alliance 2018 Annual Report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ADJOURN A Motion was made by Patty McCall, seconded by Bob Benton to adjourn the meeting at 1:54 PM.

Next Meeting December 5, 2018 at Loess Hills Brent S. Olson Visitor's Center, Pisgah at 10:30 AM

Respectfully Submitted by
Jeannette Riesberg