



## LHA PROTECTION COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Wednesday, February 7, 2018  
9:00 AM Loess Hills Brent S. Olson  
Visitor's Center–Pisgah, Iowa**

The Protection Committee of the LHA met Wednesday, February 7, 2018 at 9:00 A.M. at the Loess Hills Brent S. Olson Visitor's Center. Those in attendance: Michelle Wodtke Franks, Rocky DeWitt, Linda Herman, Rich Pope, Nic Salick, Tim Sproul, Graham McGaffin, and Jeff Seago.

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 A.M. by Chairman, Graham McGaffin.

**APPROVE AGENDA** – A motion to approve the February 7, 2018 Agenda was made by Nic Salick, seconded by Linda Herman. Motion Carried.

**APPROVE MINUTES** – A motion to approve the November 1, 2017 Protection Committee Meeting Minutes was made by Michelle Wodtke Franks, seconded by Nic Salick. Motion Carried.

**BUDGET UPDATE** –Total Protection Committee Funds to Obligate or Carryover is \$12,898.67. The Nature Conservancy has an expected closing date of March 30, 2018 for the Raymond Muller Family Trust Conservation Easement. The Muller Conservation Easement property (560 acres) is in Monona County, Grant Center. A prescribed fire on the property was held during the 2016 Loess Hills Fire Partners Cooperative Burn Week.

### OLD BUSINESS

- No Old Business

### NEW BUSINESS

- **FY18 LHA Funding Update**

The Iowa Governor, Kim Reynolds and the Iowa Senate have released their budgets. Word from Craig Patterson is that the Loess Hills Alliance is vulnerable. More information will be available in March 2018.

- **2018 LHA Protection Committee Request for Proposals (RFP) –Decision on spring cycle**

The Protection Committee received one RFP grant application, City of Magnolia, project title “Magnolia Source Water Project” in 2017. The Committee declined the Grant application because the application did not fit the criteria of the RFP. The 2017 City of Magnolia RFP Grant Application was funded through the LHA Executive Committee Special Project Funds. The Protection Committee held a discussion concerning the remainder of the Protection Committee funds; should the Committee send out another RFP grant application this spring, perhaps through a micro- or mini-grant process; continue to do a RFP in the fall 2018; or look into merging funding with other LHA Committee appropriations. A conference call will be held with committee members concerning this issue before the March 7<sup>th</sup> LHA meetings.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT

IWILL Day at the Capitol will be held on Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. The Loess Hills Alliance members are encouraged to attend.

NEXT MEETING DATE – May 2, 2018, 9:00 am Loess Hills Brent S. Olson Visitor’s Center, Pisgah, IA

ADJOURN – A motion was made by Michelle Wodtke Franks, seconded by Nic Salick to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 am.