



**LHA PROTECTION  
COMMITTEE DRAFT MINUTES**

**Wednesday, August 1, 2018  
9:00 AM Loess Hills Brent S. Olson  
Visitor's Center–Pisgah, Iowa**

The Protection Committee of the LHA met Wednesday, August 1, 2018 at 9:00 A.M. at the Loess Hills Brent S. Olson Visitor's Center. Those in attendance: Michelle Wodtke Franks, Linda Herman, Jake Holt, Nic Salick, Tim Sproul, Graham McGaffin, Matt Dollison, Rocky DeWitt, Kolby DeWitt, and Jeff Seago.

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 A.M. by Chairman, Graham McGaffin.

APPROVE AGENDA – A motion to approve the August 1, 2018 Agenda was made by Nic Salick, seconded by Matt Dollison. Motion Carried.

APPROVE MINUTES – A motion to approve the May 2, 2018 Protection Committee Meeting Minutes was made by Matt Dollison, seconded by Linda Herman. Motion Carried.

BUDGET UPDATE – The Loess Hills Alliance Protection Committee Bills Paid report from April 27, 2018 through July 24, 2018 showed that The Nature Conservancy was paid \$32,000.00 for the Muller Easement. The Raymond Muller Family Trust (560-acre) Conservation Easement closed on March 30, 2018.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- **FY17 & FY18 LHA Funding Update**

Chairman, Graham McGaffin reported that the Loess Hills Alliance has received \$40,000.00 FY19 State Appropriations. The Protection Committee will receive \$7,000.00 of that allocation. Total Protection Committee Funds to Obligate or Carryover is \$19,898.67.

## NEW BUSINESS

- **FY18 LHA Protection Committee Funding Recommendation**

Options were discussed on how to use the FY19 funding for projects such as: Restoration of Prairie, Remnant Prairie that already exists, Leafy Spurge Control, Source Water Protection, Conservation in the Hills, etc. Harrison County, The Nature Conservancy, and Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation all mentioned projects that could be considered. A Motion was made by Matt Dollison, seconded by Tim Sproul to go ahead and use the same RFP as the Protection Committee has always done. Motion Carried. Jake Holt abstained. The Loess Hills Alliance Protection Committee Grant Application will be sent out in August and applications will be due by October 2018. A decision will be made at the November Protection Committee meeting on November 7, 2018. The Protection Committee decided to ask the Executive Committee for an allocation of \$101.33 for a total of \$20,000.00 RFP. The Grant Application will be put on the LHA Website, LHA Face-Book Page, sent out to all LHA Members, sent to the local Newspapers, and a press release will be issued.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE – November 7, 2018, 9:00 am Loess Hills Brent S. Olson Visitor's Center, Pisgah, IA

ADJOURN – Chairman, Graham McGaffin adjourned the Protection Committee meeting at 9:57 am.