

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

06-01-2016

Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center

Sioux City, IA

The Stewardship Committee of the LHA convened at 9:00 A.M. for a tour of Broken Kettle Grasslands Preserve with Glenn Pollock and Rich Pope presiding. Those in attendance were: Glenn Pollock, Rich Pope, Bob Benton, Michelle Wodtke Franks, Graham McGaffin, Linda Herman, Brent Olson, Brett Bengard, Rick Schneider, Rex Rundquist, and Nicholas Salick.

APPROVAL OF 05/04/2016 MINUTES AND 06/01/2016 AGENDA ITEMS

A motion was made to approve the Minutes from 05-04-2016 and Agenda from 06-01-2016 by Brent Olson, seconded by Linda Herman. Motion passed.

BUDGET UPDATE-N/A

PL POSITION

- **Harrison/Pottawattamie/Monona-N/A**
- **Fremont/Mills/Montgomery/Page-N/A**

Old Business-None

New Business

- TNC Burn Contract

Rich Pope announced that the Grant Agreement between the Loess Hills Alliance Stewardship Committee and The Nature Conservancy for \$8,637.00 for the Loess Hills Fire Partners Cooperative Burn Week was signed on May 13, 2016.

- Broken Kettle Grasslands Preserve Tour

Matt McClanahan, Emily Hohman, and Scott Moats presented the Broken Kettle Grasslands Preserve tour for the LHA Committee Members. Broken Kettle Grasslands Preserve is located north of Sioux City in Plymouth County, approximately 3000 acres. Work on the Preserve has included: weed management, burning, planting of native grasses, tree shearing, and planting of native species to the crop ground. Approximately 175 adult Bison with 60 calves run through 1800 acres of the Preserve. Prairie rattlesnakes live on the north end of the Preserve with approximately 200 of them tagged.

The LHA Committee Members was also shown The Broken Kettle Grasslands Preserve Interpreter Panel. The Interpreter Panel with photos of bison grazing, a prairie rattlesnake, and a prairie flower on it was coordinated by the Loess Hills National Scenic Byway and Golden Hills and was funded through a NRCS Conservation Innovation Grant and DNR REAP Conservation Education Grant.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURN Glenn Pollock adjourned the meeting at 10:50 AM.

NEXT MEETING August 3, 2016 at 10:30 am at the Loess Hills State Forest Headquarters in Pisgah, Iowa.