

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

3-07-2018

Loess Hills Brent S. Olson Visitor's Center

Pisgah, IA

The Stewardship Committee of the LHA convened at 9:05 AM with Glenn Pollock presiding. Those in attendance were: Glenn Pollock, Robert Benton, Linda Herman, Nic Salick, Jake Holt, Tim Sproul, Michelle Wodtke Franks, Scott Nelson, and Jeff Seago.

APPOVAL OF 2/07/2018 MINUTES AND 3/07/2018 AGENDA ITEMS

A change was needed in the 02/07/18 Minutes. Under "PL Position", "Harrison/Pottawattamie/Monona" the UQIP Program should be changed to EQIP Program. A Motion was made to approve the amended Minutes from 2-07-2018 and the Agenda from 3-07-2018 by Nic Salick, seconded by Jake Holt. Motion carried.

BUDGET UPDATE – Glenn Pollock presented the Budget Update to the LHA Stewardship Committee members. As of March 5, 2018, all FY17/18 funds have been obligated. More information concerning next year's State Legislature's budget will be available on Friday, March 9th. The Loess Hills Alliance members are encouraged to attend the Legislative Coffees to promote the Loess Hills. The future funding for the PL Positions, Nicholas Salick and Jake Holt, is unknown if the Loess Hills Alliance is zero funded. Members are encouraged to look for donations from private citizens or Grant funding opportunities for example, "Dean J. King Family Foundation Grant, Community Partners Foundation Grant, etc." and report back at the next Loess Hills Alliance Stewardship Committee meeting on May 2, 2018.

PL POSITION

- **Harrison/Pottawattamie/Monona**

Nic Salick presented the CRP Management Workshops pamphlet to the Stewardship Committee. The first workshop will be held on March 28th at Lewis & Clark State Park Visitor Center in Onawa from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. The second workshop will be held on March 29th at Logan Community Center from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. The workshops will be presented by USDA, NRCS, SWCD, and PF and is intended to guide land managers and decision makers through the process of establishing and maintaining their CRP. Approximately 534 invites were mailed out. If interested, please RSVP to the Conservation Assistants by Friday, March 23rd. Nic is also working with landowners through EQIP deadlines and 308 acres (Harrison County) IHAP Program.

- **Fremont/Mills/Montgomery/Page**

Jake Holt reported that he has been working with landowners on Pollinator Habitat Programs, EQIP deadlines, and CRP programs. A Women, Land & Legacy of Southwest Iowa Conference will be held on Saturday, March 10th from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm in Glenwood. Many presenters and vendors will be represented at the conference. Jake Holt and Scott Evans will be presenting "Protect the Pollinators" program. The Women, Land & Legacy is an education and outreach program designed to educate and empower women.

Old Business: None at this time

New Business: None at this time

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Glenn presented a report from Jack Phillips, Loess Hills Nature School to the Stewardship Committee. Retreats, Workshops, and Saunters were held at Waubonsie State Park, Wa-shawtee Unit, and Gleason-Hubel WMA. Nature writings is published on the Loess Hills Nature Writers blog and the online journal Prairie Citizen. The Loess Hills Nature School is grateful for the support from the Loess Hills Alliance. A Motion was made by Linda Herman, seconded by Tim Sproul to pay \$1,500 to the Loess Hills Nature School to fund the workshops from December 2017 through June 2018. Motion carried.

Jeff Seago reported that Cooperative Burn Week has been set for March 19 - March 23rd. 900 acres of the Little Sioux Scout Ranch will be burned during Cooperative Burn Week. Jeff stated that six crew members from Conservation Corps Iowa have been helping clear cedar trees and working on the shelter around the skating rink in Preparation State Park.

Michelle Wodtke Franks stated that Loess Hills & Heritage Week will be held on September 22-30, 2018. Jack Phillips will host an afternoon Hike & Write with nature writers on Saturday, September 22, 2018 at Waubonsie State Park.

Glenn reported that he and Nic Salick attended the Triumph of Ag Expo in Omaha. Cover Crop, Precision Ag, and Forestry Implements for prairie restoration were some of the topics that were presented at the farm show.

ADJOURN A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Jake Holt, seconded by Jeff Seago at 9:48 AM. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING May 2, 2018 at 10:30 am at the Loess Hills Brent S. Olson Visitor's Center, Pisgah, IA

