

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

6-06-2018

Loess Hills Brent S. Olson Visitor's Center

Pisgah, IA

The Stewardship Committee of the LHA convened at 9:07 AM with Glenn Pollock presiding. Those in attendance were: Glenn Pollock, Linda Herman, Michelle Wodtke Franks, Jackie Kragel, Alyssa Scott, and Jeff Seago.

APPOVAL OF 5/02/2018 MINUTES AND 6/06/2018 AGENDA ITEMS

A Motion was made to approve the Minutes from 5-02-2018 and the Agenda from 6-06-2018 by Michelle Wodtke Franks, seconded by Linda Herman. Motion carried.

BUDGET UPDATE – The FY17-18 Stewardship Committee Funds have been obligated. The Loess Hills Alliance has received \$40,000.00 FY18-19 from the State of Iowa. At this time, it is not known how the FY18-19 funding will be distributed among the Committees.

PL POSITION

- **Harrison/Pottawattamie/Monona** Not available for report.
- **Fremont/Mills/Montgomery/Page** Not available for report.

Old Business:

- **Grant Request Procedure Forms:**

Members will be looking for a consistent form to use to request Grant funding. Members are also encouraged to look for donations from private citizens. A suggestion was made to check with the US Forest Service for cedar removal or prescribed burns Grant funding opportunities. Also suggested was Gilchrist Foundation, Humanities Iowa Grant, Iowa Audubon, and Monsanto Grants for Pollinator Restoration. The PL Positions funding for Nic Salick and Jake Holt and the CCI funding for Cooperative Burn Week are considered very important projects that the Loess Hills Alliance Stewardship Committee would like to help continue funding.

New Business: No "New Business" at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Loess Hills Alliance Stewardship Committee welcomed visitor, Alyssa Scott from NRCS. Alyssa is studying Animal Science at Iowa State University and at this time, doing internship with Jackie Kragel.

The Loess Hills Prairie Seminar (June 1st through June 3rd) turned out good, but down in numbers from last year. The G.R.A.S.S. event (Great Race Against Shrubs and Shade) was held on Friday, June 1st at the DNR's Kessler Property. Invasive brush was cut and cleared to help the hillside prairies thrive. David Hoferer, keynote speaker on Friday evening, is a professor in the biology department at Briar Cliff University. David summarized the community and environmental successes of the Town of Dunn, WI. The Town of Dunn, WI has been recognized as a national model of sustainability and has received environmental awards. Prairie Flora of the Loess Hills was presented by Tom Rosburg on Saturday, June 2nd. Attendees enjoyed a hike to explore the prairie ridges and slopes in the Sylvan Runkel State Preserve to find and identify plants. The Committee complimented the Loess Hills Prairie Seminar Coordinator, Andrea Porter for a great job well done.

The 2018 RAGBRAI will be held from Sunday, July 22nd through Saturday, July 28th. There will be a Gravel Loop Day through Moorhead on Sunday, July 22nd. Information will be taken to Loess Hills Hospitality Gift Shop & Visitor Center in Moorhead to advertise the Loess Hills and to recognize the Loess Hills Alliance during RAGBRAI.

Literary Loess will be held on Saturday, September 22nd, 2018 from 10am - 2 pm. Local and regional authors and producers will be making connections between the Landscape, Literature, and Local Foods.

"Experience The Loess Hills" will be held on Thursday, September 27th through Sunday, September 30th, 2018. This event is a four day cycling tour of western Iowa's Loess Hills starting from Stone State Park to Waubonsie State Park.

ADJOURN A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Linda Herman, seconded by Michelle Wodtke Franks at 10:07 AM. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING August 1, 2018 at 10:30 am at the Loess Hills Brent S. Olson Visitor's Center, Pisgah, IA

