



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

CPW Area Office – 73485 Hwy 64

April 18, 2017

7:00pm

Introductions: **Members present were:** Butch Theos/landowner, Rich Parr/sportsperson, Mary Taylor/BLM, Lenny Klingsmith/landowner, Bailey Franklin/CPW, Curtis Keetch/USFS and Samantha Sorensen/Admin. **Guests present were:** Greg Glasgow, Kent Nielsen and John Halandras

General Public Comments: N/A

Budget Report: Samantha presented committee members with a current budget report; the remaining balance was \$8,526.87. She also explained that next year's budgets have not yet been approved but it's anticipated they'll stay the same. If WR starts FY18 with \$200,000 then \$195,000 is remaining with \$5,000 allocated to the South Fork Noxious Weed Treatments.

Old Business: Minutes from January 18th were approved as written.

New Business: FY17 Maybury Ag Seeding: Applications were provided for committee members. Bailey and Kent explained that the project would take place in two different areas; Meeker Dome and Lion Canyon. The plan is to inner seed among pinyon/juniper in Lion and disk/seed dryland ag on Meeker Dome. The work would be done themselves using their own equipment. Maybury owns the property in Lion Canyon and leases 243 acres on Meeker Dome. Curtis asked Bailey if they've had success seeding under PJ and Bailey didn't seem to think it would be an issue since the PJ is not dense. HPP would reimburse for the custom seed mix. \$1,558.75 approved for the project.

FY17 Shults Ag Seeding: Cancelled. Shults proposal fell through; they're still moving forward with the project but decided against asking HPP for funding.

FY18 Halandras Water Well #3: Applications were provided for committee members. John presented on Gus' behalf. It was explained that they've done a couple wells already with great success. Proposal for 3rd well in a different drainage on deeded property; well 1 was in Deer Creek and well 2 was in Davis. John mentioned that they hit good water in Davis and they drilled wells up high on those. Lenny asked John about a bid, and Bailey explained that HPP will

not pay for a dry hole. The committee agreed that they needed more details and Butch suggested they find out how much NRCS plans to contribute. Project tabled.

FY18 RAP Monitoring WR Landscape: Bailey provided applications for committee members and explained he's seeking approval for a contract extension on an annual project. They put in 1 new veg transect this year. Butch asked if the project monitors completed projects. Bailey explained that Todd has been monitoring post treatment sites since 2009 to determine what treatments work best; also takes a look at animal use on sites. Butch asked why the State Council doesn't fund the project since it benefits all committees. Bailey explained he'd asked for council funding in the past but they didn't think it was a good HPP project. Instead WR funds the project then Bailey goes to State Council with other projects when they run out of funds at the end of the year. Lenny asked if the estimated hours were accurate and Bailey explained that the time spent analyzing the data is what's most time consuming. \$46,200.00 approved for the project.

FY18 Landscape Scale Weed Control: Tabled. Troy Osborn needs more time to put together a proposal.

FY18 Bulk Herbicide: Tabled.

FY18 FS Upper South Fork Weed Control: Tabled. Curtis will follow up on progress of proposal.

Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion: End of Fiscal Year Deadlines: Samantha stressed that May 22nd is the last day to request purchase orders for this fiscal year. Game damage materials need to be ordered by June 1st.

RAP Monitoring Presentation: Bailey reminded committee members that Todd Graham will be giving a presentation on this year's results at 6PM on May 4th.

Select Next Meeting Date: May 16th at 7PM-might look at approving a hydro axe project for Butch.

Bailey shared AWM email regarding HPP changes with the committee. Mary asked after the MB906, Bailey said it was still applied thanks to Trevor Balzer. Todd will monitor that treatment site as well.

Roundtable: Greg Glasgow gave an update on this year's elk banquet, similar results as last year.

Rich asked about the fee increase and Bailey let him know the bill was introduced today.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.