



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES
July 18th, 2017
Canon City Hunter Education Building

Committee Members present:

- Jim Aragon, Colorado Parks and Wildlife AWM
- Aaron Atwood, Livestock Grower
- Joe Moore, Livestock Grower
- Ted Grover, Sportsman
- Jeff Williams, BLM Rangeland Management Specialist
- Stephanie Shively, USFS Wildlife Biologist
- Brett McMurry, Livestock Grower

Administrative Assistant:

- Hanna Cook

Guests: Cathy Hagan (BLM)

Meeting called to order at 10:18 AM

Introductions
Budget Report

The 2017 and 2018 budget reports were reviewed

Old Business

Stephanie Shively has received bids for the IM Ride Herring Park project. The bids came in much lower than expected. They are hoping that they will be able to treat more acres now that the cost is lower.

Evaluations have been sent out. All evaluations need to be completed and entered by September 1st to avoid restrictions on committee operations.

New Business

HPP Expansion

All committee members have received a memo about the HPP State Council's clarifications of HPP objectives. HPP committees currently focus on funding projects that solve agricultural/big game conflict, particularly relating to deer, elk, pronghorn, and moose. The State Council has agreed that it will be beneficial for committees to also consider the other objective listed in the statute, which is helping the division (CPW) meet game management objectives. In the past,

committees have turned down projects because there is not a direct agricultural conflict. However, the State Council has decided to expand the scope of acceptable projects to include those that help achieve game management objectives, even if there is not a direct agricultural conflict. Committees should still focus on resolving agricultural conflicts, but they will now be able to fund projects concerning game management objectives at their discretion. This expansion went into effect as of July 1st, and new research applications are available on the HPP website. Local committees can decide how they would like to approach these types of requests.

Project Application Proposals and Reviews

Tom Grette Professional Services-Jeff Williams

Jeff Williams and Kim Woodruff are asking the committee for \$8,000 for Tom Grette's services for mapping and flagging project sites. The mapping and flagging is very important for the free inmate and SWIFT crew hand-thinning projects.

The committee voted to approve the project for \$8,000.

Inmate Hand-thinning-Jeff Williams

Jeff Williams and Kim Woodruff are asking for \$3,000 for chainsaw maintenance, materials, and supplies to support the free inmate labor crew's hand-thinning operations. This includes gas, oil, supplies, chainsaw maintenance, safety gear, etc.

The committee voted to approve the project for \$3,000.

Fencing Materials and Reimbursement Program

This program has been done annually, and provides landowners with reimbursements for fencing materials to repair fences damaged by big game. DWMs or committee members can sign and hand out vouchers to eligible landowners. Eligible landowners must be engaged in agricultural production or livestock operations within SDCHPP boundaries, and they must allow some hunting access (cannot charge more than \$500 per gun for hunting access, vouchers, or services).

The committee voted to continue this program with a limit of \$350 per landowner.

Landowners are allowed up to \$350 of reimbursement for fence materials to fix damage cause by big game. Total project limit is \$9,000.

Committee meals/operating expenses/recognition

The committee voted to allocate \$500 for working meeting meals and \$1,500 for committee operating expenses, including committee member recognition.

Other committee business

There will be a state council meeting in Salida on August 8th and 9th. The HPP annual meeting will be held in Grand Junction on December 5th, 6th, and 7th.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:13 PM

Next meeting: October 18th 10:00 AM at the BLM Office.

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