



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

Montelores HPP Committee

Dolores Public Lands Center, Dolores, CO

July 18th, 2017

6:30 p.m.

HPP Members Present: Andy Brown, CPW; Nate West, BLM; Ivan Messinger, USFS; George West, Ag Producer; Tanner Young, Ag Producer

Guests: Marc Malin, Gayel Alexander, Don Tozer, Aryol Brumley, Wayne Gooddall

Introductions & Budget Report:

Committee members and guests were introduced. Katie Richman gave budget reports for the end of FY17 and the beginning of FY18.

New Business:

Project Application Proposals and Reviews:

1. Andy Brown reviewed Lon Varnis' seed project. Andy, Katie, and Jim Garner went to the property to evaluate the range condition, and noted that the existing vegetation was well established and in good condition. There is very little area that needs to be reseeded. However, there are areas that would benefit from hydroax work, for which the landowner may still request funding from HPP. The project was tabled until the landowner was ready to make an application.
2. Marc Malin presented a fencing proposal. The property is located in a migration corridor for deer and elk, and the existing fence is 4-strand barbed wire in disrepair. The project will replace 2900-feet of fence with new wildlife-friendly fence to HPP specifications. The project was approved for \$1460.00 for materials from Game Damage, and HPP will also supply 3 rolls of pony rail with staples.
3. Gayel Alexander presented a proposal for a fence project. Two ¼-mile sections of fence on her property consist of woven wire and are in severe disrepair. The area experiences moderate use by elk. The proposal includes removing the woven wire and replacing it with wildlife-friendly fence to HPP specs. The project was approved for \$5820 for materials. \$4800 will be to Game Damage, and the remainder will be available as a reimbursement to the landowner for additional materials (primarily stays).

Gayel also presented a proposal for two pond cleanouts. The "Cabin Pond" includes a spillway from a spring that flows into two old concrete tanks, then into the pond. The

spillway is eroded, resulting in very little water catchment for the tanks and ponds. The proposal includes cleaning out the pond and rebuilding the spillway and dyke. If there is sufficient water after the cleaning and repair, the landowner will repair the concrete tanks as well. The "Mountain Pond" currently collects water which flows into a larger pond, then runs down a spillway into a third pond. The structures are in good shape, however the first pond is heavily silted in and requires a cleaning. Both cleanouts were approved for \$825.00 for equipment rental costs.

4. Don Tozer informed the committee that his two pond cleanouts from last fiscal year were unable to be completed due to overly wet conditions. He would like to complete them this fall while they are dry. The project was re-approved for \$2750.
5. Aryol Brumley informed the committee that he has a potential fence project which includes replacing old rotten wooden posts with drill pipe. His property is located in the Groundhog area, which experiences heavy use by deer and elk. The fence is generally in good condition with wildlife-friendly construction, except for the posts. Mr. Brumley will complete a project application and submit the proposal at a later meeting, and in the meantime, he will complete an application for a fence quick claim.
6. Fertilizer applications were reviewed. Joe Lanier was approved for \$3300 (220 acres), and Gerald Koppenhafer was approved for \$4,000 (500 acres).

Roundtable:

1. The statewide HPP meeting will be December 5th – 7th in Grand Junction.

Next Meeting: August 24th, 6:30pm