



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

San Juan Basin HPP Committee

San Juan Public Lands Center, 15 Burnett Ct., Durango

June 14th, 2017

6:00 p.m.

San Juan Basin HPP Members Present: Dan Huntington, Michael Schmidt, Aran Johnson, Anthony Garcia, Sandy Young, John Gardner, Adrian Archuleta

Introductions, Budget, & Old Business:

1. Katie Richman reviewed the budget and gave an update on current projects. The remaining budget at the beginning of the meeting was \$11,490.90.
2. Anthony Garcia gave a review of the USFS guzzler project and distributed photos. USFS will continue to monitor for water catchment, and may install aprons to increase water filling. They may also seed around the area to prevent weed encroachment, and future guzzler projects are a definite possibility.

New Business:

Project Application Proposals and Reviews

1. The committee discussed Steve Pargin's pond project. Mr. Pargin suffered an accident in the fall that left him unable to do any pond work until recently, and it is likely that not all of the funds will be able to be spent this fiscal year. The committee discussed how to handle projects with such a large scope in the future, including approving large projects in phases rather than all at once. The committee also noted that they would like to keep closer tabs on large projects in progress to ensure that something of this nature does not happen again.
2. The committee reviewed the HPP expansion guidelines. After July 1st, habitat management and research projects that assist CPW with meeting game management objectives may be considered, provided that the committee still focuses primarily on resolving conflicts associated with fences and forage.

3. The committee Habitat Management Plan (HMP) is due for renewal in 2018. Committee members should review the current plan and begin to brainstorm ideas for updating. One of the primary categories for updating is the budget allocation and spending categories. The committee would also like to update the identified conflict areas, and potentially set a limit on fertilizer spending as a percentage of the annual budget.
4. The committee discussed the FY2018 budget. \$18,000 was approved for fence vouchers to Basin Co-Op with Dan Huntington abstaining from the vote; \$2,400 was approved for fence vouchers to any vendor on a landowner reimbursement basis. \$35,000 was tentatively approved for fertilizer; this amount may change pending the number of landowners applying this year. Fertilizer applications will be due January 31st.
5. The committee approved David Cundiff's pipe fence project for \$3535.00, which was presented at a previous meeting.

Other Business:

1. The Statewide HPP Meeting will be December 5th – 7th, 2017 in Grand Junction. Committee members are encouraged to submit ideas for topics and presentations.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting August 23rd at 6:00pm, San Juan Public Lands Center.