



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

San Juan Basin HPP Committee

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

March 14th, 2017

6:00 p.m.

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

Guests: David Cundiff, Pat Tucker, John Dillon

Introductions, Budget, & Old Business:

1. Committee members and guests were introduced. Katie Richman reviewed the budget and gave an update on current projects. The remaining budget at the beginning of the meeting was \$29,336.00.

New Business:

Project Application Proposals and Reviews

1. David Cundiff attended the meeting to present a fencing project proposal for FY2018. The project is a continuation of the pipe fence that was completed in the fall of 2016, and will consist of 3 strands of smooth wire with pipe along the top. The completed portion has been very effective in preventing big game from getting caught up, and so far has not sustained any damage. Because the project was not on the agenda for this meeting, the committee tabled the project for a later date.
2. The committee reviewed a fencing proposal from John Dillon. The project was approved in FY15, but was not started or completed due to timing issues. Large sections of the existing fence have been damaged by bears and elk, despite using ponyrail for the top wire. The project will replace damaged posts and installing additional new posts, as well as replacing broken wires and tightening non-damaged high-tensile wires. The project was approved for \$1129.10 for materials.

3. Anthony Garcia presented a proposal for guzzlers on USFS lands. The project area is located in migration corridors and severe winter range for deer and elk. The area is dry, with water sources on lower private lands which experience damage from big game. There are currently guzzlers in the area, but they are completely deteriorated and do not hold water anymore. USFS will remove and dispose of the existing guzzlers, and will provide labor to install the new guzzlers. The project was approved for \$3191.00.
4. The committee reviewed FY17 fertilizer applications. There were 13 applicants with a total of 1,605 acres. The committee discussed how the price per acre varies each year based on numbers of applicants, and discussed ways to ensure that the price per acre remains relatively similar across each fertilizer year. The committee approved \$25.00 per acre.

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.
2. Pat Tucker reviewed the CPW Financial Sustainability bill. Further information will be disseminated as it becomes available.
3. The committee noted that 70% of the committee's area is public land and 30% is private, and felt that project funds should be spent accordingly.
4. Adrian gave a review of the deer and elk post-hunt surveys, and anticipated license numbers for the 2017 big game seasons.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting 4/12/17 at 6:00pm, San Juan Public Lands Center.