



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES
Colorado Parks & Wildlife 925 Weiss Drive, Steamboat Springs
Monday Mar. 13, 2017
6:10pm

Introductions: **Members attending meeting:** Darren Ebaugh/Sportsperson, Libbie Miller/CPW, Chad Stewart/USFS, Larry Monger/Livestock Grower, Nita Herold Naugle/Livestock Grower and Samantha Sorensen/Admin. **Guests attending the meeting:** AWM Kris Middledorf, DWM Jack Taylor, DWM Andrea Sponseller and Jeff Yost/CPW.

General Public Comments: N/A

Budget Report: Samantha presented committee members with a budget report indicating \$59,837.02 was the remaining budget. Libbie pointed out that a \$100 membership still needed to be allocated to Celebrate Ag; the correct remaining budget was \$59,737.02. Libbie also let the committee know that the \$100 previously allocated for an event purchase would be cancelled due to the fact there were no longer any goods that HPP could reasonably justify purchasing. Libbie will sit down with Martha after this year's event to review event purchases that HPP could contribute to next year. Samantha ordered notepads to be handed out at the event. Kris will be the CPW/HPP table host this year; Libbie may provide assistance if event registrations increase. Libbie asked if anyone would be willing to help with set up, Larry offered his assistance.

Old Business: Minutes from February 13th were presented and approved as written.

New Business: Damby Fence: Jack let the committee know that he should be able to utilize vouchers to satisfy their vinyl wire request. It was determined that the topic did not need to be tabled for a future meeting.

Larry Monger Stackyard: Larry and Jack provided committee members with applications. Larry explained that he would like to reuse some, if not all, of the posts from his old stackyard. He's asking HPP to pay for a skid steer rental and the difference in game damage materials. Larry is eligible to receive materials through game damage and his cost share would be labor to construct the 900ft. stackyard. Libbie pointed out that \$12.00/linear foot is what the committee has approved in the past. Prior to approval Larry and Jack need to receive a final dollar amount

from game damage and rework the HPP application; Libbie will provide assistance if need be. Project tabled until the April meeting.

Clyncke's Bear River Ranch Fertilizer: Libbie presented the committee with applications and maps. She explained that the project area falls within both the Upper Yampa and Lower Colorado HPP committee boundaries; both committees have historically contributed \$5,000 each. The Bear River Ranch sustains substantial hay production damage each year despite numerous efforts to deter the elk (e.g. kill permits, electric fence, liquid fence, hazing, etc.). The agency did not want to fence off the ranch and set precedence, or contribute to redistribution and a change in migration patterns, so Libbie worked with the Clyncke family to establish a compromise. Missy from the Forest Service worked to decommission trails in the area in order to encourage elk to stay on public land as long as possible. In the end the Clynckes appreciated the active involvement and asked for \$10k in fertilizer as a way to offset damages caused by elk. Libbie pointed out that although HPP bears the brunt of game damage costs the agency now has a good relationship with the owners and the project still fits within HPP statutes. The Clyncke family continues to hunt the property pretty hard and is still willing to cost share more than 50/50. (Nita arrived to the meeting at approximately 7:03PM) The committee approved \$5,000.00 reimbursement for fertilizer.

Libbie caught Nita up to speed with introductions and changes.

Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion: End of Year Deadlines: Samantha informed the committee that purchase orders need to be submitted by May 23rd, game damage materials need to be ordered by June 1st and the fiscal year ends on June 30th but paperwork should be submitted no later than June 15/June 20th.

Samantha announced that the next State Council meeting will be held in Buena Vista on April 4th and 5th at which point the council will decide on clear project guidelines for local committees to utilize come July 1st. The Bi-Annual Statewide HPP meeting is scheduled for December 5th, 6th and 7th in Grand Junction; details to follow.

The committee decided to hold their next meeting on April 17th at 6PM; Larry's stackyard will be on the agenda.

Roundtable: N/A

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:25PM.