



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

South Park Committee

May 10th, 2017

Conference call

Committee members present:

- John Woodward, Livestock grower (via phone)
- Tyler Stoltzfus, CPW
- Webb Smith, Livestock grower
- Randy Tingle, Sports person
- Christine Cloninger, BLM
- Steve Allard, Livestock grower
- Sheila Lamb, USFS

Administrator: Hanna Cook, Administrative Assistant

Guests: Karl Copeman (CPW-Wildlife Technician), Dave Gruber (Landowner), Daniele Garner (Landowner)

Meeting called to order by John Woodward at 10:04 AM

Old Business

Bar Star Land Well Project Update

Bar Star Land did not send the purchase order paperwork to Hanna by the deadline of May 1st as the committee requested. The committee has withdrawn funding for this project. The landowner has been notified.

Voucher Update-required acreage

The committee agreed to stay with the 160 acre minimum requirement. Anything under 160 acres should be put on the agenda for the next meeting and brought to the committee for an official review and vote.

New Business

Project Application Proposals and Reviews

USFS fence removal update-Sheila Lamb

This project was already approved for \$5,000, but the contractor, Pettee Ranch, has been working quickly and they believe they will be able to get another portion done before the end of the fiscal year. Sheila is asking for an additional \$5,000 so that they can remove more of the old fence this year. USFS has started with planning and some wire removal, hauling, and recycling. The cost will be approximately \$0.75/mile, and the contractor will submit a formal quote for the purchase order.

The committee approved the project increase to \$10,000.

JMJ Well Improvement-Karl Copeman

Karl is asking HPP for \$4,230.02 for a new solar pump. This project will provide one new solar pump system to replace an old non-operational windmill system on an existing well on James Mark Jones State Wildlife Area. CPW Area one will provide an additional pump for another well as well as labor and installation. The wells and tanks are already in place, only the pump systems need to be replaced. The pump will be paid for and delivered before the end of the fiscal year, but the installation and labor may extend into July. The committee is willing to make an exception on this: As long as HPP funds have been spent and materials delivered before June 30th, the committee will accept that labor will still be ongoing into July.

The committee approved the project for \$4,230.02.

Santa Maria Camp/Phantom Ranch Irrigation Project-Dave Gruber

The landowner is asking HPP for \$8,000 to repair a non-operational irrigation system. The landowner hopes that this will increase hay yields, which will provide more forage for elk. They have not had elk on the property for years, but they would like to have more so that attendees of the camp can view elk. They would also like to increase hunting opportunities. They currently have a hunting lease with an outfitter, and they feel the yield will be higher if the irrigation system is fixed. Neighboring ranches are experiencing damage from big game, and the landowner feels that attracting elk to his property will alleviate conflicts on neighboring properties. The committee is concerned with this project because this may actually cause more game damage to this and neighboring properties if elk start congregating on this private land. In addition, the DWM has not signed off on this project and the committee would like to see an approval from a DWM before voting on anything. This project would not cover a very large portion of land, which raises more concerns on whether this project will be a beneficial use of HPP funds or not.

The project was tabled until the landowner can address the committee's concerns and come back with a new proposal with DWM approval.

Daniele Garner fencing project adjustment-Daniele Garner, Tyler Stoltzfus

Daniele has discussed her previously approved fencing project with Tyler Stoltzfus and Sheila Lamb, and they feel it will be more beneficial to change the original direction of the fence instead of rebuilding in the same location. Daniele will move the fence so that it is going East-West. This will create fewer spots for big game to cross and will help to get grazing on a currently under-utilized pasture. The project price will not change, but Daniele may need some additional high visibility wire.

The committee approves the project adjustment.

Remaining Business

Webb informed the committee that he may be doing the pipeline work for the Badger extension project himself instead of hiring a contractor.

Meeting adjourned at 10:56 AM

Next meeting: July 6th at 10:00 AM at the Fairplay Community Center

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