



**HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES**  
**Conference Call**  
**February 26, 2018**  
**1:00pm**

**Introductions:** Participants introduced themselves as they joined the conference call. Members present were: Todd Peterson/sportsperson, Danny Meyring/livestock grower, Bill Falvey/BLM, Jimmer Baller/livestock grower, DWM Josh Dilley/CPW, Blaine Evans/livestock grower, Tara Wertz/USFWS, Darrell Freeman/USFS and Admin. Samantha Sorensen/CPW.

**Budget Report:** Samantha let the committee know they had \$57,687.84 remaining and there were no outstanding projects.

**Old Business:** HMP Amendments/Approval: For the most part everyone was satisfied with the draft of the distribution management plan. Tara had questions regarding the current management objective for elk. She also pointed out that the plan did not include how to go about reducing numbers and also felt it might be worth noting that seasonal road closures increase hunter success. Josh and Tara may make some changes; the committee felt comfortable with Josh approving any changes between now and the DMP deadline. There was much discussion regarding upcoming BLM oil leases in North Park particularly around Owl Mountain. Bill pointed out that management development plans are going away which makes it harder for groups such as HPP to comment. He also suggested reducing the monitoring protocol section down to a paragraph or two, which the committee agreed with. Lastly, it was decided the plan needed to mention the fact that landowners are responsible for maintenance once a project is completed, both materials and labor.

Stackyard Cost Share: Tabled

**New Business:** Ads for Stackyards and Fence Damage Applications: The committee decided to proceed as they've done in years past. Applications will be made available at the local stock growers meeting on March 17<sup>th</sup> as well as the CPW office on Grant Street. The application deadline was set as March 28<sup>th</sup> and the committee will review submissions during the next meeting. An advertisement will be placed in the Jackson County Star for 1 week ahead of the stock growers meeting. Jimmer suggested that Sam look into the advertising section rather than paying for a big ad. Tara volunteered to hang flyers in various locations around town; Sam

will email her an ad to print out. Samantha confirmed that she would submit a committee report to Jimmer prior to the stock grower's meeting on March 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion:** Prentice Meadows Comment Letter: Josh let the committee know that he'd talked with his boss and they went with the 2<sup>nd</sup> draft that was approved during the February 8<sup>th</sup> conference call. HPP's comment letter was already submitted and included in CPW's package.

Select Next Meeting Date: The next meeting is scheduled for April 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Ranger Station in Walden beginning at 1:00pm. Keith Holsinger's well project will be added to the agenda along with review of stackyard and fence damage applications.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 1:53pm.