



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES
Colorado Parks & Wildlife 925 Weiss Drive, Steamboat Springs
January 8, 2018
6:00pm

Introductions: **Members attending meeting:** Darren Ebaugh/Sportsperson, AWM Kris Middendorf, Kathy McKinstry/BLM, Larry Monger/Livestock Grower, Chad Stewart/USFS and Samantha Sorensen/Admin. **Guests attending the meeting:** DWM Jack Taylor, DWM Andrea Sponseller, Cam and Laurie Kuelthau.

General Public Comments: N/A

Budget Report: Samantha presented committee members with a budget report which showed a remaining balance of \$44,831.99.

Old Business: Minutes from August 28th and November 13th were presented and approved as written.

New Business: Elk Mountain Ranch Fencing: Taylor presented the proposal to committee members and explained the project site is located in an area with ongoing game damage along 52E. Game damage does not occur on their property but it does on surrounding properties. The project was started in 2014 and the last three miles were done this year; the Kuelthau's explained that the last three miles was the only portion included in the application. Laurie pointed out that they have dryland hay and graze cattle seasonally. They have a large number of elk moving through and followed CPW's recommendations to install a wildlife friendly fence. Hunting is open to friends and family but there is no public hunting. The committee approved to reimburse them up to \$5,000.00.

Cam and Laurie may have a water and/or weed project to present in the future.

Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion: Kris presented committee members with swag bags from the bi-annual conference held in early December. He explained that he was happy with who the committee chose to invite as their two guests and felt it was very beneficial for all of those who attended.

Larry pointed out that he has 100 panels left over if anyone needs them.

There are plans to collar/monitor 20 moose for a 3 year study around Steamboat.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday February 12th beginning at 5:30pm.

- Celebrate Ag will be on the agenda

- Andrea said the Clyncke's Fertilizer project is still up in the air.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:54pm.