



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES
Colorado Parks & Wildlife 925 Weiss Drive, Steamboat Springs
July 9, 2018
5:30pm

Introductions: **Members attending meeting:** Darren Ebaugh/Sportsperson, AWM Kris Middendorf, Kathy McKinstry/BLM, Larry Monger/Livestock Grower, Nita Naugle/Livestock Grower and Admin. Samantha Sorensen/CPW.

Guests attending the meeting: Catherine Smith, Bob Dapper, Jeff Yost/CPW, DWM Jack Taylor/CPW, DWM Kyle Bond/CPW, Kevin Thompson/USFS, Brad Williams, John Twitchell/CSU, Carolina Manriquez/CSU, Melissa Dressen/USFS.

General Public Comments: N/A

Budget Report: Samantha presented committee members with FY18 and FY19 budget reports. Kathy explained why the Cow Creek Cattleguards project was rolled into FY19.

Old Business: Minutes from June 11th were presented and approved as written.

New Business: Thorpe Mountain Conservation Easement: Tabled

Wolf Creek Habitat Improvement: Tabled

Alpine Mtn. Ranch Fuel Reduction: Planning to do some mastication of mountain shrub and aspen with poor regeneration on approximately 20 acres. Started with Mad Creek then did Strawberry Park; created a mosaic and everything already looks great. Project would help to reduce fuels and keep elk healthy and sustained through winter; while also holding them at higher elevations and off private property. Larry voiced his concern about what will happen when lots are filled. It was pointed out that the ranch has a 900 acre open space agreement. Nita voiced her concern about a lack of hunting. Kyle Bond pointed out that the project would indirectly benefit hunters by increasing big game numbers. The committee approved \$5,000.00 for the project.

Tim Borden Fuel Reduction: The Borden property project is similar to the Alpine Mountain Ranch project but Tim will contribute match \$ because he wants more acreage completed. Kris

requested they get pre and post treatment photos so the committee can see what's going on. The committee approved \$5,000.00 for the project.

Wolf Creek Ranch Vinyl Wire: Jack presented proposals to committee members. He explained that Todd Hammond is south of Peltier Properties and would like 6 rolls of vinyl wire in order to prevent entanglement; high use for elk in particular. The committee approved the 6 rolls of vinyl wire, Jack will take the rolls out of inventory.

Clyncke's Bear River Ranch Fertilizer: Tabled

Fence & Herbicide Vouchers: The committee approved \$10,000.00 for fence vouchers and \$5,000.00 for herbicide vouchers.

Vinyl Wire Purchase: The committee agreed that they needed to order more rolls of brown vinyl wire since they were down to 3.5 rolls. It was decided they would like to have a minimum of 10 rolls on hand at the beginning of the fiscal year. Samantha will order at least 10 more rolls.

Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion: Fence Materials Cap: The committee agreed that Kris' summary from the last meeting provided some good guidelines. They would give it a try and see how it goes and adjust as needed.

Samantha was asked to send an email to DWMs regarding vouchers and the fence materials cap. She will also provide a print out of committee rules to members at the next meeting.

Kris thought it might be a good idea to discuss when to cut off approval of projects. It was also briefly discussed that hunting is not required however it is encouraged.

Select Next Meeting Date: August 13th at 5:30pm, same location.

Roundtable: N/A

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:05pm.