



**HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES**  
**Craig Chamber of Commerce-360 East Victory Way**  
**June 12, 2018**  
**7:00PM**

**Introductions: Members attending the meeting were:** DWM Evan Jones/CPW, Chad Green/Livestock Grower, Gary Visintainer/Livestock Grower, Sean Durham/Livestock Grower, Gary Nichols/Sportsperson and Admin. Samantha Sorensen/CPW. **Guests attending the meeting were:** HPP Coordinator Pat Tucker/CPW, Nick Charchalis, Mike Camblin, Eric Wellman and John Wellman.

**General Public Comments:** N/A

**Budget Report:** Samantha presented committee members with budget reports for FY18 and FY19.

**Old Business:** The minutes from May 14th were presented and approved as written.

**New Business:** McIntyre Ranch/Right Fence: Mike briefed the committee on his habitat improvement project. He explained that they'd already funded the water tanks. Now he's looking for funds to replace field fence with wildlife friendly fence, approximately 16,840 feet. He plans to use the NRCS specs for the fence so he believes the top poly would be at a height of 41". \$38,657.31 is the labor proce he'd received from a contractor. He'd like to do it himself but if not he'll pay someone instead. The price he was given included the removal of the old fence. The current fence is sheep fence with 3 barbed wires on top with a height of 48-50". Deer and elk knock it down a lot. Ranch Advisory Partners will be conducting some monitoring. The Habiata Protection Program invested in the water. This phase is part of a much larger scale project. Approximately 60 head of resident elk and 2 sage grouse leks. NRCS might contribute 10% but Mike won't know that until July. The committee asked Mike to come back in July once he knows whether or not NRCS will help fund the project. Tabled

Charchalis Seeding: Nick began by thanking the committee for their help with the CRP program. He's hoping for rain to keep things going. This final phase of the project encompasses 200 acres, aiming for less CRP and more improved forage. The area has turned into a haven but he's still noticed a drop in animal numbers due to lack of water. Trevor has given great support and used good seed mixes. Gary Visintainer stated that he's fine with funding the final stage. The committee approved \$5,500.00 for the project out of FY19.

Charchalis Water Development: Nick explained that the project proposal is still in the works. He's looking for guidance on how to go about it. Gary V. said to put together numbers and bring them forward at a future meeting. Evan asked if his neighbor Mr. Kolls would be interested in similar work. Tabled

Wellman Water Development: John revised his application and hoped the numbers would be clearer. His plan is to spread water out to disperse wildlife and livestock. The spring is located on Thornburg Mountain in the middle of private property. It's never gone dry and is currently producing 15 gallons per minute. He's also planning to build a ¼ mile of fence along the creek but it will be sheep fence so he's not asking HPP to fund that component, however he does plan to use white poly wire on top. The committee approved \$8,000 of FY19 funds for the water project.

**Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion:** Project Tour/Fieldtrip Ideas: Evan expressed that he would like to schedule a project tour for some time in August. The committee thought a tour of projects around the Hamilton area would be a good idea. Evan will begin to coordinate with landowners in the area.

Pat touched briefly on the fact that committees are realizing it's hard to spend money late in the fiscal year.

Evan let everyone know that DWMs will be more involved in future projects and application review prior to proposing them in front of the committee.

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**Roundtable:** N/A

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:48PM.