



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

San Juan Basin HPP Committee

San Juan Public Lands Center, 15 Burnett Ct., Durango

June 5th, 2018

6:00 p.m.

San Juan Basin HPP Members Present: Aran Johnson, Southern Ute Tribe; Anthony Garcia, USFS; Adrian Archuleta, CPW; Mike Schmidt, BLM; Dan Huntington, Livestock Grower

Introduction: Committee members and guests were introduced. The May meeting minutes and current project updates were reviewed. The remaining budget at the beginning of the meeting was \$38,246.08.

New Business:

1. The committee reviewed a pond proposal from Steve Pargin, which was presented at the previous meeting. This project continues work on Mr. Pargin's USFS allotments in which ponds are cleaned out and treated with salt, bentonite, and/or liners as needed. This project has been successful in previous years, with a large number of ponds receiving improvements that have increased water storage capacity and subsequent big game utilization across the area. The work is complementary to other ongoing habitat improvement projects, and the committee approved \$20,400.00 for materials and labor.
2. The committee reviewed a fencing proposal from Scott Piccoli. The property is located near Bayfield, and deer utilize the hayfields. This project may meet the scope of HPP, but it was tabled until the next meeting for more information. Specifically, the committee wanted to see a more direct tie to an existing wildlife conflict, as well as a diagram of the proposed fence and materials list.
3. The committee reviewed a proposal for an HPP game camera purchase from Reconyx. The cameras would be used to monitor HPP projects after completion and for research or inventory/monitoring projects to gather data on big game migration events. Cameras would be lent out at the discretion of the committee, and the purchase would include the

necessary security cables and enclosures. The committee felt that this was an easier method than relying on landowners and other cooperators to provide follow-up data after project completion, as well as a valid option to participate in research and monitoring projects where equipment needs may be the only way in which HPP can participate. The purchase was approved for \$4458.45 to purchase 10 cameras and security gear.

4. The committee assigned members to complete FY18 project evaluations. Evaluations are due by August 15th.

5. The committee approved the following amounts for FY19 projects: \$36,000 to Basin Co-Op for fertilizer projects (amount may change based on number of applicants/acres); \$18,000 to Basin Co-Op for fencing vouchers; \$2,400 for 'any vendor' reimbursement fencing vouchers.

Other Business:

1. The committee discussed outreach efforts to generate new project applicants and cooperators. Katie will explore other wildlife and habitat resources.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting July 25th @ 6pm