



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES
Republican Rivers Committee March 22nd, 2018
Conference Call

Committee members present:

- Josh Melby, CPW-DWM
- Kenny Rogers, Livestock grower
- Dustin Wise, Sportsman
- Chris Craig, Livestock Grower
- Don Fritzler, Livestock Grower

- Hanna Cook, Administrative Assistant

Guests: Clayt Cooper (Landowner)

Meeting called to order at 11:01 AM

**New Business
Projects**

Welton Tree and Food Plot Project- Josh Melby

The landowner has already established a tree plot, and he would like to expand it provide more deer habitat. HPP would pay for trees and materials, and the landowner provide equipment and labor.

The project was approved for \$2,018.

Sitzman Grass Planting Project- Josh Melby

The landowner has decided to convert an unproductive dryland ag ground into grass to create more habitat for deer. There is heavy deer use on the property so planting grass as a cover crop will be very beneficial. The landowner is asking HPP to purchase grass seed for the conversion, and he will provide equipment and labor. The grass seed mix will be of high wildlife benefit according to CPW standards.

The project was approved for \$4,586.

Craig Tree and Food Plot Project- Josh Melby

This property was recently purchased by Chris, and he would like to establish a food plot along with a tree plot that will provide forage and cover for wildlife and livestock. The landowner will be doing rotational grazing. Food plots and tree stands will greatly improve deer habitat. HPP would buy trees and materials, and the landowner will complete labor to establish the food plot and plant the trees.

The project was approved for \$1,498.

Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion

Kenny Rogers is looking at stepping down from the committee due to time restraints. Clayt Cooper has expressed interest in learning more about the committee and potentially replacing Kenny as a livestock grower representative. Josh will talk to Clayt about the program and the committee, and an official notice for vacancy will go out to the public before any decisions are made. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on July 18th in Wray 6:30 PM

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 AM

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