



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

November 5th, 2018
CPW Fort Collins Office

Committee members present:

- Ty Petersburg, CPW
- Lars Larson, Livestock Growers
- Conrad Swanson, Livestock Growers
- Dale Oberlag, USFS
- Raechel Nelson, Livestock Growers
- Joe Straley, Sportsmen

Administrative Assistant: Hanna Cook

Guests: Zach Thode (Ranch Manager), Eric Lowery (DWM)

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 PM

Budget Report

The 2019 budget report was reviewed.

New Business

Roberts Ranch Spring

Zach is asking HPP for \$2, 815 for a water development on the Roberts Ranch. The Roberts Ranch and its water rights are held in a trust, and the property is under a conservation easement. The Larimer County HPP committee funded a water project on this ranch in the past that was very successful. The Spring Gulch pasture is very dry, and cattle have been trampling the riparian area to access the spring and other pastures are being overgrazed. The goal is to improve water resources to improve grazing management and protect the riparian area around the spring. The spring has been fenced off, and spring fed tanks will be placed nearby. Escape ramps will be placed in the tanks for birds and smaller animals. Roberts Ranch will match the HPP contribution, plus \$800 in kind for labor. Zach has assured the committee that there will not be any issues with water rights for this development. The DWM for this area, Pepper Canterbury, has not had a chance to review the project yet. The committee requires DWM approval for projects, so the project cannot go forward until she has reviewed and approved it.

The project was approved for \$2,815 contingent on DWM Pepper Canterbury's approval.

Update-approval for the project has been granted by Pepper Canterbury

Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion

The committee has purchased white vinyl wire and it is available to any landowner in the committee area who would like to install it to make their fences more wildlife friendly. The wire is kept in a stockpile at the bird farm in Fort Collins. Landowners who would like to take advantage of this program should contact their local DWM. Materials vouchers are required to be filled out and sent to Hanna anytime a roll is taken from the stockpile.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:11 PM

Next meeting: February 4th at 5:00 PM at the CPW Fort Collins Office

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