



**HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES**  
**Craig Chamber of Commerce-360 East Victory Way**  
**November 20, 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:** DWM Johnathan Lambert/CPW, HPP Coordinator Pat Tucker/CPW, Kendall Smith/NRCS, Winfield Pankey and Ian Duzik.

**General Public Comments:** N/A

**Budget Report:** Samantha presented committee members with a budget report; the remaining balance was \$67,274.13.

**Old Business:** The minutes from September 18th were presented and approved as written.

**New Business:** Duzik Water Development: Ian manages the property for his grandfather. He runs cattle for two months and typically hauls water. There are three reservoirs on the property but they rarely stay full and water is sparse on neighboring lands too. There is an existing well and they would like to install a storage tank and three tire tanks to provide a reliable water source plus distribute cattle and wildlife. Water would also help to keep elk on the north side of the highway. The Duzik's are amenable to hunts, they already allow youth and wounded warriors. Gary Visintainer requested he try to leave the water on later into the fall in order to benefit wildlife. The committee approved \$4,319.00 for the project.

Pankey Water Development: Winfield requested funding for a water development near CR 5 and 3 to increase water availability for wildlife and livestock. He explained that as you get closer to CR 3 there are limited water sources. The plan would be to develop a spring and set up a gravity flow system. There will be a second phase to the project if the pipeline is viable. He leases out the property for grazing and hunting. The committee approved \$6,730.50 for the project.

**Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion:** New HPP Flier: A copy of the new flier was provided to committee members. The forms replaced the old brochure and will be available in area offices.

Bulk Vinyl Wire: The State Council will begin providing each committee with \$5,000.00 worth of vinyl wire beginning in FY20, if the committee is interested.

Select Next Meeting Date: The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm; it may turn into a conference call if only one project is on the agenda.

**Roundtable:** Samantha provided committee members with an email from mark Lowrey, explaining that he feels it's time to step down. Evan spoke with Toni Toelle about the opening, but ultimately the decision is Hunter Seim's to make.

Gary Nichols mentioned that it will be interesting to see what rain does to the burn area. Kendall said he's working with Brian Holmes out of Meeker to reseed the area.

Evan reminded the committee that game damage tags will be available for the Great Divide area; 400 elk and 50 deer. Evan will give a report on how many were used in the spring.

Pat let everyone know that the 2019 Bi-Annual HPP meeting will emphasis water projects so they are looking for good projects to highlight. He is also looking for additional ideas to talk about. Two guests will be allowed per committee. Pat spoke briefly about the infiltration well on James Ranch in UYR. Sean suggested Pat highlight the Glass Water Project.

Sean recommended Will Myers as an engineer for water projects and said he could be a potential partner.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:58pm.