



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

October 3rd, 2018
Nino's Restaurant
6:00 PM-8:30 PM

Committee members Present:

- Ron Garcia, *USFWS Representative*
- Alvin Kunugi, *Livestock Growers Representative*
- Mike Maldonado, *Sportsperson Representative*
- Paul Minow, *BLM Representative*
- Roy Oliver, *Livestock Growers Representative*
- Brian Bechaver, *CPW Representative*
- Ty Ryland, *Livestock Growers Representative*

Administrators: Hanna Cook

Guest: Conrad Albert (DWM), Joseph Lobato (Landowner)

Budget Report

The 2019 budget report was reviewed.

New Business

Project Application Proposals and Reviews

Culebra Creek Ranch

Joseph Lobato is asking HPP for \$1600 to build a new wildlife friendly fence on the Culebra Creek Ranch. The ranch is in a high conflict area and there is a lot of elk movement between properties. Fences have been regularly damaged, and Joseph has been spending a lot of time and money on repairs. A wildlife friendly fence with white vinyl wire should help to reduce damage to fences and injury to elk. Joseph and Conrad are both hoping that the success of this fence will encourage neighboring landowners to replace their old fences with wildlife friendly fences as well.

The project was approved for \$1,600 plus white vinyl wire as needed.

Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion

Rick Basagoitia would like to start keeping HPP stockpile materials at the CPW Monte Vista office. A tech will be assigned to keep track of materials and ensure that vouchers are filled out any time someone takes materials from the stockpile. The committee stockpile will be moved from the Baca National Wildlife Refuge to the CPW Monte Vista office soon.

The committee would like to start keeping fence clips to give to landowners with rolls of white vinyl wire. The clips will help with installation of white wire and will help to increase longevity

of the fence. Two bags of clips will be given out with each roll of wire, and installation tools for the clips are available to be loaned out to landowners who are installing it. The clips will be ordered and delivered to the CPW Monte Vista office to be kept with white wire rolls. Payment will be taken from the "Landowner Fence Repair or Materials" budget.

The committee discussed the possibility of purchasing a hydraulic post pounder to assist landowners with fence building. Hanna updated the committee that those purchases are not authorized by the HPP state council due to complications with maintenance and monitoring of larger equipment. However, if landowners are interested in such equipment, they can rent it under their name and can be reimbursed by the MB HPP committee as part of the cost of the project (if approved by the committee).

Paul Minow has announced that he is planning to retire from the BLM at the end of December and at that time will no longer be serving as the BLM representative for the HPP committee. Melissa Garcia will select a new representative from the BLM at that time.

Next meeting: Tuesday, December 4th at 6:00 at The Sawmill

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