



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES
BLM Field Office-2103 E. Park Ave. Kremmling, CO 80459
September 12, 2018
1:00 pm

Introductions: Members present: AWM Lyle Sidener/CPW, Dave Hammer/Livestock Grower, Chuck Alexander/Livestock Grower, Doreen Sumerlin/USFS, Doug Bruchez/Livestock Grower and Admin. Samantha Sorensen/CPW.

Guests present: Ben Gallowich/CPW, DWM Gene Abrams/CPW, Bryan Lamont/CPW and DWM Rachel Sralla.

General Public Comments: N/A

Budget: Samantha presented committee members with a budget report. The remaining budget was \$105,500.80 with \$10k spent on the Knorr Ranch CE. The backcountry weed project has wrapped up and will be paid soon.

Old Business: Approval of Minutes: Minutes from June 13th were presented and approved as written.

HWY 34 Wildlife Signage-Comment Letter: Dave tried to get in touch with CDOT's Region 1 but they never returned his phone calls. He reached out to CDOT's Region 3, based out of Craig, and spoke with a proactive sign guy. It sounded like he was willing to work with HPP but pointed out there is no science to prove that these signs really make a difference, therefore Dave was not sure if it would be worth the money. Lyle pointed out that he doesn't feel signs should be HPP's responsibility. Dave will reach out to CDOT once more to relay that HPP strongly recommends that signs be placed in the three areas of concern.

New Business: Sportspeople Representative Interviews/Nomination: The three individuals in the running for the sportspeople position were Conway Farrell, Gary Horine and Josh Richert. After much discussion it was decided that Gary Horine would be the best fit since he has connections with the Elk Foundation, he wouldn't blur the lines between ranching and sportspeople plus he could represent Summit County.

Cottonwood Water Development: Doreen explained that a fix needs to be made to the very first tire tank installed; HPP purchased the tank and contributed to labor costs. It added a pasture on a ridge to improve grazing. Doreen thought it was likely to be a small repair such as

a clamp or a pipe but she cannot spend any money for a few months. She's requesting emergency funds through the USFS first but is asking for funding through HPP as a backup. The landowner would complete the labor and HPP would be asked to reimburse the landowner for materials. The committee approved \$500.00 for the project.

Hunt Coordinator(s): Lyle said that Ted will still continue to work both ends of the county as best he can, since they haven't found another coordinator yet. The committee approved \$10,000.00 for two coordinators, \$5k each, just in case someone else expresses interest.

Samualson Weed Program: Chuck pointed out that Kathy Samualson asked for assistance through the weed program but she doesn't meet the 640 acre minimum. Lyle explained that even if folks do not qualify for the vouchers they can always bring in an application.

Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion: MPHPP Reclamation Seeding: Samantha let everyone know that Katlin Miller has yet to receive any interest in the reclamation seed.

New HPP Flier: Samantha presented committee members with the new HPP flier which will replace the old DOW brochure. Fliers will be available in local CPW offices soon. The committee suggested Pat change the antelope photo with an elk photo instead. Ben will send Samantha some of the photos he has.

Agenda Items for 12/12 Meeting: The committee decided to change their next meeting date from 12/5 to 12/12. Doreen will present another Backcountry Weed project plus give a report on this year's results. Katlin asked Samantha via email to add Clover Seeding to the December agenda. Chuck will let Kathy Samualson know she can bring in an application in December.

Roundtable: Bryan Lamont explained that they're slightly above objectives for antelope; the committee will have a chance to comment on the proposed DAU plan. Brian will also report on E-8 collar date once it's been compiled.

Lyle mentioned that the antelope PLO season starts this year which may increase harvest.

Chuck mentioned that Devil's Thumb might purchase Hurd Creek since it's going to auction.

Dave talked briefly about the fire season.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:31 pm.