



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

September 13th, 2018

Conference Call

4:30 PM- 5:10 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)

New Business

Project Application Proposals and Reviews

Forage Purchases-Conrad Albert

The committee continued previous discussions regarding forage purchases. The majority of the members of the committee feel that forage purchases through the HPP committee are currently the best way to solve landowner conflicts in his area, particularly the Columbian Ranch Forage Purchase that has been funded annually. Very large herds of elk frequent the area, and providing a refuge for them through a forage purchase reduces damage to neighboring properties. The committee agrees that other avenues should be explored where possible, but for now this is the best option while landowners, DWMs, and committee members explore new possibilities. Conrad has been working with the landowner and they have agreed that \$24,000 is a reasonable amount for this fiscal year.

The project was approved for \$24,000.

Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion

Brian Bechaver has found a new meeting location for the committee at the Rio Grande Water Conservation District Building in Alamosa. The meeting room is quiet and private and will allow for more productive meetings. The next meeting will be held there.

Kathy Shoup was unable to complete her fence project in time for the September 1st evaluation deadline. A preliminary evaluation was completed and most of the work was done, but Kathy still needs to install the wire. Clayton will be notifying Hanna when the project is complete.

Conrad has been working with a landowner on a new wildlife friendly fencing project. The fence will be approximately ½ mile. Conrad will send the application to Hanna and the project will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Next meeting: October 3rd at 6:00 PM at location TBD.

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