



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

CPW Area Office – 73485 Hwy 64

August 26, 2019

6:00pm

Introductions: Members present were: DWM Bailey Franklin/CPW, Jim Brennan/livestock grower, Mary Taylor/BLM, Rich Parr/sportsperson, Butch Theos/livestock grower, Lenny Klingsmith/livestock grower and Admin. Samantha Sorensen/CPW. **Guests present were:** DWM Terry Wygant, Brian Collins, and Rosaly Coombs.

General Public Comments: N/A

Budget Report: Committee members were presented with a budget report. The remaining balance at the beginning of the meeting was \$110.76.

Old Business: Minutes from August 7th were approved as written.

New Business: WRHPP Herbicide Vouchers: Bailey reminded that committee that in the past they had purchased herbicide in bulk to distribute to eligible landowners. An herbicide voucher example was provided and Bailey expressed that he would like to issue vouchers per parcel rather than per landowner. Samantha pointed out that vouchers could not be issued to landowners who had already exceeded the PO limit; if vouchers are approved early enough next fiscal year they could be redeemed before a project is brought forward. The committee approved \$7,500 for vouchers.

Collins Mountain Ranch Water Improvement: Bailey explained that this proposal had been approved out of last fiscal year but Travis didn't get it done and so the funding expired. The plan is to drill a well and put in a tire tank. Brian mentioned that if they don't hit water at 150ft. then they're wasting their time. There's a spring down the canyon about a ½ mile that produces quite a bit of water. Jim wondered if it would be cheaper to pipe water from the reliable water source. Bailey reminded the committee that HPP would not pay for a dry well so it's a risk the landowner must be willing to assume responsibility for. The proposed water development is in a high migration area. Landowner seeking 50/50 cost share. The committee approved up to \$12,212.00 for the project.

4M Ranch Water Improvement: Tabled.

Coombs Lower White River Ag Seeding: The project proposed seeding of 14 acres, both dryland and irrigated, along Hwy 64 on the Cook property. The seed mix would be beneficial for

livestock and wildlife; trying to get rid of a lot of weedy annuals. Rosaly asking for a 50/50 cost share; farming and seeding would be in-kind. The committee approved \$1,225.70 for the project.

Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion: Distribution Management Plan Review/Edits: Some discussion took place regarding wolves and wild horses; the committee decided to leave those topics in the plan. Committee members will send any additional suggestions to Bailey before the end of the month.

Potential Guests for Statewide Meeting: Samantha reminded committee members of the biannual statewide meeting scheduled to take place in Grand Junction December 3-5th. It was mentioned that because the topic is water it might be a good idea to invite Deidre from 4M Ranch.

Select Next Meeting Date: TBD

Roundtable: N/A

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.