



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

Republican Rivers Committee

February 13th, 2019

Grassroots Community Center, Joes

Committee members present:

- Josh Melby, CPW-DWM**
- Dustin Wise, Sportsman**
- Chris Craig, Livestock Grower**
- Don Fritzler, Livestock Grower**
- Clayt Cooper, Livestock Grower**

- Hanna Cook, Administrative Assistant**

Guests: Doug Norman (Landowner), Clint Norman (Landowner), Kyle Gordon (DWM), Larry Conger (DWM)

Meeting called to order at 5:13 PM

Budget Report

The 2019 budget report was reviewed.

Old Business

An order of guzzlers has been delivered to Wray and several have already been distributed and installed. There are still 4 guzzlers remaining at the Wray Fish Hatchery that are available to eligible landowners. Doug Norman knows of an area with a lot of deer use, and a guzzler may help draw the deer away from those crops. In this case, the committee recommends adding a food plot and leaving about an acre between crops and the guzzler, if possible.

Clayt Cooper has been approved by the commission and is an official voting member on the Republican Rivers HPP Committee.

New Business

DMP Revision

The Republican Rivers Distribution Management Plan (DMP) is due for renewal in November of 2019. The committee has gone through the old plan to make revisions and updates for the new plan. The revised plan will be submitted to Pat Tucker in September. The plan will then be reviewed by Pat, the HPP state council, and finally the wildlife commission for final approval.

Projects

Sedgwick Bar SWA Habitat Grazing Project-Josh Melby

Josh is asking HPP for \$11,000 to drill a well on the Sedgwick Bar SWA. There has not been any grazing on the property recently and that has caused a break down in the nutrient cycle and an increase in cheat grass and other noxious weeds and cool season grasses. These conditions are not desirable for wildlife, and big game have been moving to neighboring private lands to find forage. Re-introducing high intensity grazing has been a successful method of improving wildlife habitat on other SWA's, so CPW would like to use the same method on Sedgwick Bar. In order to facilitate grazing on this property they will need a water source, so they are asking HPP for assistance to drill a well and install a solar pump and tire tanks. The new water source will allow for cattle grazing and will provide year-round water for wildlife. CPW will also construct a wildlife friendly fence that will support effective grazing management. CPW will contribute an additional \$13,100 for 2 tire tanks, fence materials, and labor. This project will be completed before the end of the fiscal year. HPP will pay for half of a dry hole up to 300 ft.

The project was approved for \$11,000.

Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion

There are two possible fencing projects that may be coming to the committee for funding this year. Josh and Dustin will update the committee when there is more information, and a conference call or a meeting will be scheduled to discuss those projects.

The next meeting date is TBD

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM

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