



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES
CPW Area Office-0088 Wildlife Way in Glenwood Springs, CO
July 11, 2019
1:00pm

Introductions: **Members attending the meeting were:** DWM Darren Chacon/CPW, Phil Nyland/USFS, Scot Doder/Livestock Grower, Rick Bumgardner/Sportsperson, Jim Nieslanik/Livestock Grower & Admin. Samantha Sorensen/CPW. **Guests attending the meeting were:** Eden Vardy/CPW Commissioner, Pat Tucker/HPP Coordinator, Anne Luark, AWM Matt Yamashita/CPW, Sami Dinar/USFS, Jeff & Patty Goodwin, DWM Brian Wodrich/CPW, Dave Waller.

General Public Comments: None

Budget Report: Samantha presented committee members with budget reports. The committee ended FY19 with roughly \$45,277.87 remaining. Samantha briefly explained which FY19 projects were cancelled and why. The remaining FY20 balance at the beginning of the meeting was \$171,300.00.

Old Business: Minutes from April 30th and May 9th were presented and approved as written.

New Business: BLM Red Hill Spring Development: No Show.

BLM Bocco Mtn. Area Weed Treatments: No show.

Horse Creek Irrigation: The property used to belong to the state but is now BLM. Brian explained the work Mike and Ann do is extremely valuable. Ann went on to say the property is hunted a lot and has great public access. They received federal funds from BLM. Pat said to make sure the BLM continues to contribute and maintain the water right. Ann explained that they used to ask for more money from HPP but the insurance made it too cost prohibitive. She also pointed out she'd hoped to get vouchers; it was explained that any payment over \$5k to the same vendor requires a purchase order. The committee approved \$5,000.00 for the project. Darren asked Ann to provide pictures next year.

Red Point Ranch Fencing: Mike explained he'd like to replace an old fence. Over the years he's taken a lot of deer out of the fence which has caused damages he's had to repair. Brian explained that as game comes in from higher country Mike sees a lot of traffic. Mike would like to prevent or reduce future damage to the fence and injury to wildlife. Sage has grown right up through the old woven wire. Darren explained HPP could order materials through Game Damage or reimburse Mike. Brian said Game Damage should have what Mike needs. High visibility wire will be used for the top wire. The committee approved \$2,675.00 for the project.

USFS Frenchman Spring Redevelopment: Sami would like to redevelop a spring on the allotment which is located east of Basalt SWA. Currently water is available but they'd like to improve the flow. Matt explained deer and elk utilize the area pretty heavily. A constant water source would be beneficial and preclude necessity to go down to the river for water. Water would also help keep livestock off the SWA. Sami pointed out she's been working with Stephen Jauoen from NRCS. Jim asked about drainage and Sami explained water would drain away from the tank into a natural drainage; may create a nice wetland and they plan to fence off the spring. Phil reiterated that the area is a hot, dry place. Dave echoed there are no other close water sources. The committee approved \$3,926.93 for the project.

Goodwin Seeding: Brian explained he approached the Goodwin's about this project so he's been walking them through the process. They'd had alpacas in the past; it's a horse ranch now. The property is located by Two Bridges in Bond and backs up to Pisgah Mountain in unit 35. There's approximately 10 acres of old river bottom strips of dirt/rock they'd like to seed with a dryland mix. Owners are aware they would get deer as a result but the idea is to give deer/elk a food source other than or instead of alfalfa. Labor would be their match. They allow friends to hunt the property. Darren said he thinks Trevor would like monitoring to which Brian explained he would do quarterly transects. HPP's cost would cover the seed. Jim thought a dryland might be better to plant in the fall. The committee approved \$1,000.00 for the project.

Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion: Vinyl Wire Vouchers: The committee agreed to use vouchers to track distribution of rolls provided by State Council. 160 acre minimum would be needed, same as other vouchers. Those with less acreage can still come in with a proposal.

Select Next Meeting Date: Darren pointed out there were a few projects in the works; asked if the committee would like to meet in August or September. The next meeting was scheduled for September 4th at 1pm on the Eagle side, location TBD. Future Agenda Items: Potential guests for Statewide meeting.

Roundtable: Pat-Discussed how the fence and herbicide voucher process does not compute with purchasing. In order for reimbursements to work moving forward a specific sequence will need to be followed: committee approval, DWM/Sam signs voucher, landowner buys materials after voucher is received, landowner completes/signs voucher after materials are purchased then submits. His main concern is that landowners will buy materials then ask for a voucher after they've already run out. Pat also mentioned that HPP is now considered a grant program and any proposal with more than \$25k in state funding, HPP included, will now be required to go out for bids.

Phil-Discussed Braderich burn and provided a map of the area. \$10k in HPP funding was used on helicopter costs. Burn took place on May 14, 2019. Oak brush should respond really well. Phil still finalizing figures.

Matt-1500 acres of SWA reseeded. Mountain Air Spray will not fly the Roaring Fork in the foreseeable future.

Sam-State Council will hold their next meeting on July 30/31 in Kremmling. The Statewide meeting is scheduled for December 3-5 in Grand Junction; each committee is encouraged to invite two guests to attend.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at approximately 2:27pm.