



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES
Colorado Parks & Wildlife 925 Weiss Drive, Steamboat Springs
July 1, 2019
5:30pm

Introductions: **Members attending meeting:** AWM Kris Middledorf/CPW, Darren Ebaugh/Sportsperson, Larry Monger/Livestock Grower, Eric Scherff/BLM and Admin. Samantha Sorensen/CPW. **Guests attending the meeting:** DWM Jack Taylor, John Twitchell, Dave Peregoy, and Doug Carlson.

General Public Comments: John expects to come back to HPP in August with a project. Eventually he would like to give a presentation on CSFS on-going projects.

Budget Report: Samantha provided committee members with budget reports. The remaining budget for FY19 was \$32,029.34 and for FY20 was \$79,700.00. A discussion was had regarding FY20 projects already approved along with FY19 projects that were affected by the wet spring. Kris explained that more money is available through the State Council.

Old Business: Minutes from May 6th were presented and approved as written.

New Business: E2 Elk Collars: Jack explained the request was for HPP to pay for 12 GPS collars and air time. The proposed project is part of a larger ongoing recruitment and recreation study. Recruitment study focuses on non-migratory herd and they're trying to learn more about a number of things including movement and habitat selection across public and private lands. They also hope to learn more about summer game damage and why the cow/calf ratio is going down. The \$25k from CPW includes Auction & Raffle funds and possibly RMEF funds as well. Kris asked Jack to give the committee an update two times a year. The committee approved \$35,424.00 for the project.

Willow Creek HOA Fencing: Proposal requested reimbursement for a ½ mile of wildlife friendly fence; 3 barbed laydown fence was replaced with a 4 strand design. Total cost was \$14,853.38 and work finished last week. Vinyl coated wire has already been installed. The fence will help minimize conflict and is better for wildlife. There is a total of 6 miles around the subdivision, which borders BLM. John spoke with Megan Knott, CCALT, who supports the project and stated there are no rules regarding fencing on the CE. Sam asked John to provide a letter from Megan. The committee approved \$5,000.00 for the project.

Fence & Herbicide Vouchers: The committee would like to encumber the same amount for vouchers; \$5k for herbicide and \$10k for fence. They also agreed that corral poles should not be eligible for reimbursement so a note will be added to future vouchers.

Vinyl Wire Vouchers: The committee agreed the vinyl wire vouchers would stay the same and there's currently no need to order more rolls. Jack pointed out that DWMs can push the white vinyl wire.

Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion: New Chairperson/Co-Chair: Tabled

Potential Guests for Statewide Meeting-Justin & Kelly: Justin and Kelly have not yet been invited but Kris will reach out. Samantha will continue to add topic to future agendas until guests have been confirmed.

Select Next Meeting Date: August 5th beginning at 5:30pm. Future Agenda Items: FY19 evaluations. Kris will look into putting together another presentation. New Chairperson/Co-Chair discussion.

Roundtable: Jack: Hunter education internet conclusion class will be offered on July 27th; will be the last internet conclusion class in Steamboat before hunting season.

Sam: Explained that a couple fence projects were pushing the year-end deadline due to issues with recent spell of wet weather.

Eric: Recently a Sand Wash Basin foal somehow impaled itself on a t-post and died.

Kris: New director and two new regional managers. Started Routt Recreation Roundtable.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:01pm.