



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES
Craig Chamber of Commerce-360 East Victory Way
June 11, 2019
7:00PM

Introductions: **Members attending the meeting were:** DWM Evan Jones/CPW, Chad Green/Livestock Grower, Gary Visintainer/Livestock Grower, Sean Durham/Livestock Grower, Toni Toelle/BLM, and Admin. Samantha Sorensen/CPW. **Guests attending the meeting were:** DWM Jeff Goncalves/CPW, Tom Burton, Vance Merrell, Dawn Nottingham, and Michael St. Martin/BLM.

General Public Comments: N/A

Budget Report: Samantha presented committee members with budget reports. The remaining budget for FY19 was \$29,992.53 and \$190,000.00 for FY20. Samantha and Sean both gave some project updates.

Old Business: The minutes from May 13th were presented and approved as written.

New Business: Tilly Spring & Pipeline: Dawn began by explaining the project site is under Zanobia Peak, in the SE drainage outside of the Monument boundary. Elk and livestock are competing for a limited water source. Tom pointed out that the source needs to be cleaned up to preserve it. Eventually Dawn would like to extend water down the canyon. Overflow would go into a catch pond. The spring produces 150 gallons/minute and right now the water is washing out trails and damaging tress. It was pointed out the proposal was a 75/25 cost share which is higher than the committee typically agrees to. Chad asked Dawn if she could kick in more. Sean mentioned that when you look at all three of Dawn's proposals then HPP is only kicking in 47%. The committee approved \$8,690.00 out of FY20 for labor done by Tom Burton.

Nottingham/BLM Cottonwood Mech. Trtmnts: Toni provided a map of the project and explained that the hydro-axe polygons are on both public and private. They're asking the committee to pay for hydro-axe work on Dawn's 52 acre property. Dawn's contribution would be to conduct weed treatments on her property. It's a landscape scale effort and Michael is managing the contract. The committee approved \$13,000.00 out of FY20 for the project and would be a direct payment to the vendor.

Limestone Spring/Pipeline: A similar project to Tilly in that they're trying to get more water on the ground, Jeff pointed out that he supports all three projects. Toni mentioned that by removing the cotton woods it could improve water flow. Sean reiterated that he doesn't want to set a precedent for future applicants and said to Dawn she needs to keep in mind a typical cost share is 50/50 but with all 3 projects together he's fine how the overall cost share works out. The committee approved \$2,494.00 out of FY20 for water development materials.

Durham Livestock Weed Spray: Sean said he included a bid from Troy Osborn but he plans to purchase the chemical himself and can only get 2.5 gallon jugs. Chemical is less expensive through Troy but that's because he buys in bulk. Acres indicated are bedding areas and trails where there is a lot of houndstongue. The chemical he plans to use will kill the weeds but not the alfalfa. Property is located east of Hamilton. The committee approved \$688.00 out of FY19.

Sjostrom Water Development: Tabled.

Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion: Distribution Management Plan: Samantha asked if anyone had any edits they would like to make to the committee plan, there were none. She reminded everyone that a final draft is due by September 1st and the current plan expires November 12th. The committee decided that at their next meeting they would take the time to work on the plan.

Select Next Meeting Date: July 23rd at 6pm will be a work session only in order to make edits to the DMP. Food will be provided.

Roundtable: Pat mentioned that the state is going to require that HPP go to bid for projects over \$25k starting in FY20; doesn't affect task orders or reimbursements. Evan asked if they would be required to go with the lowest bid, Pat said no but they would need to give a legitimate reason. Pat also let everyone know that the 5% figure was higher than the year before and asked if the committee had more money could they spend it. Evan said no, not at this rate. Legislation expires in June of 2023; Pat is working on a write up and may try to get it in from of the legislature next year.

Sean verified that Pat still wants him to do a presentation on water at the next statewide conference.

Toni expressed her willingness to take members around to project sites.

Pat mentioned that the next State Council field tour and meeting will take place in Middle Park at the end of July. Dan Prezlow is the new Director. Also, Pat appreciated the match discussion.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:53pm.