



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

June 13th, 2019

6:00 PM – 9:15 PM

Carnegie Library, Monte Vista

Members Present: Mick Davis, Dale Gomez, Suzanne Beauchaine, Brent Woodward, Carol-Lee Dugan, Eduardo Duran, Rick Davie, Mark Bechaver

Guests: Clayton BonDurant (CPW-DWM), Brent Frankland (CPW-DWM), Ryan Fox (Landowner), Tate Scanga (Landowner), JT Scanga (Landowner)

Administrative Assistant: Hanna Cook

Budget Report

The 2019 and 2020 budget reports were reviewed.

Old Business

- The Nicomodes water project will not get done this year because the USFS is still waiting on an archaeological clearance from BLM before they can start the project.
- The Bighorn/Stateline prescribed burn will not get done this year because of weather and migratory bird nesting constraints.
- The Stonehouse Well was drilled but it ended up being a dry hole, so HPP will pay half of the costs up to 400 ft.

New Business

Project Application Proposals and Reviews

Antelope Census Area Expansion- Calyton BonDurant

Clayton has had some complaints from landowners in an area north of the current antelope census area, and he would like to get some more information on the pronghorn population there. He is proposing expanding the overall census area to get further information on the North section. The committee would like to make sure that Jack Martin will have adequate access to the roads through that area so that the census is as accurate as possible. Clayton will ensure that landowners are notified so that Jack has access. The project total will need to be increased to account for the extra hours and miles it will take to survey the new area.

The expansion of the antelope census area was approved. Project total increased to \$2,000.

Scanga Fencing Project-Tate Scanga, Clayton BonDurant

Tate, JT, and Clayton are asking HPP for \$2,531.56 for materials needed to rebuild 1/2 mile of old fence with new wildlife friendly fence. There has been a lot of elk activity on the property, and especially in the area between the landowner's willows and alfalfa field. The current fence in that area is not wildlife friendly so it has been getting damaged frequently and elk get tangled in it. The landowners will tear down the old fence and install the new fence. The landowner will also install white wire, which will be provided from the committee stockpile.

The project was approved for \$2,531.56 plus 2 rolls of white wire and 4 bags of clips from the committee stockpile for FY 2020.

Fox Farms Fencing Project-Ryan Fox, Clayton BonDurant

Ryan and Clayton are asking HPP for \$2,472.57 for materials needed to replace ½ mile of old fence with new, wildlife friendly fence. There is a lot of deer activity in the area and the fence gets damaged regularly. The landowner will remove the old fence and install the new fence.

The project was approved for \$2,472.57 plus 2 rolls of white vinyl wire and 4 bags of clips from the committee stockpile for FY 2020.

2020 Meals and Operating Expenses

The committee agreed to allocate \$500 for FY 2020 towards working meeting meal expenses. They also agreed to approve future committee recognition awards when needed per the HPP administrative directives, and will allocate \$200 to committee operating expenses.

2020 Fence Repair Voucher Program

The committee voted to approve \$5,000 to be allocated to small fence repair projects in FY 2020. Landowners can discuss this with their DWM, and the DWM will bring the request to Brent Woodward. Brent can approve vouchers up to \$500. Anything above \$500 will need to go to the committee for approval. Approved projects will be allocated from this budget in the form of an in-store pick up or reimbursement voucher. The committee would also like to purchase fence clips to keep in a stockpile with the rolls of white wire. Each roll will come with two bags of fence clips. The committee will purchase tools needed for installation of white wire, which will be loaned out to landowners as needed. All tools must be returned to the committee stockpile as soon as the landowner is done with them. The purchase of clips and tools will come out of the Fence Repair Program budget.

**The rules for the committee stockpile of white wire and clips will be the same as the fence vouchers. DWMs will bring landowner requests to Brent Woodward, and Brent can issue a voucher for up to 4 rolls of wire and clips from the committee stockpile. Any requests for additional rolls will go to the committee.

The project was approved for \$5,000 for FY 2020.

DMP Revision

The San Luis Valley Distribution Management Plan (DMP) is due for renewal in March of 2020. 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 this fall. The plan will then be reviewed by Pat, the HPP state council, and finally the wildlife commission for final approval.

Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion

Brent Frankland updated the committee that he is planning to do a HMP for pronghorn for the entire valley this year. He will review data from the antelope census and conduct public meetings before writing the plan.

Next Meeting: TBD

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