



## HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

### Conference Call

May 22, 2019

7:00pm

**Introductions:** Participants introduced themselves as they joined the conference call. **Members present were:** Tara Wertz/USFWS, Todd Peterson/sportsperson, Jimmer Baller/livestock grower, Blaine Evans/livestock grower, DWM Jacob Way/CPW and Admin. Samantha Sorensen/CPW. **Guests present were:** AAWM Josh Dilley/CPW and DWM Zach Weaver/CPW.

**New Business:** Todd began by saying he would like clarity from Jacob on game damage rules first and foremost. Jacob explained that game damage rules are based on the interpretation of the game damage coordinator, who is somewhat new, and his interpretation differs from the previous coordinator. Statute says one thing and regulation says another; Jacob briefly summarized the differences. The consensus among the officers in North Park was to conduct business as usual and go off regulation, which is why VanValkenburg's stackyard is back on the agenda.

**Murphy Ranch Stackyard:** Zach went with Jim and stated there is the potential for issues in the future. Murphy had expressed he preferred the design with a 50' gate and Todd recalled that in the past the committee has allowed landowners to go outside game damage scope but the landowner is responsible for the difference. The committee approved the construction of Jim Murphy's stackyard. Zach will work with Jim on game damage materials.

**Pat VanValkenburg Stackyard:** Jacob explained that Pat should be eligible for game damage materials so Pat would like to instead ask HPP to fund the construction of this stackyard. Pat has stated in the past that he would consider allowing cow moose hunts in the future, to which Todd commended him for. The committee approved the construction of the Barnes Place stackyard.

Josh mentioned that it takes approximately two weeks to complete the bid process.

**Select Next Meeting Date:** June 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in either the USFS building or at the Refuge. Future Agenda Items: Tiffany's project. Todd would like to explain why Steve Porter was an excellent choice to attend the bi-annual meeting.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.