



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES
USFS Ranger Station-100 Main Street, Walden
May 8, 2019
7:00pm

Introductions: **Members present were:** AAWM Josh Dilley/CPW via phone, Danny Meyring/livestock grower, Blaine Evans/livestock grower, Jimmer Baller/livestock grower, Todd Peterson/sportsperson via phone, Tara Wertz/USFWS, Tiffany Rubalcaba/BLM via phone, Darrell Freeman/USFS and Administrative Assistant Samantha Sorensen/CPW via phone. **Guests present were:** DWM Jacob Way/CPW, DWM Zach Weaver/CPW, Jim Murphy, Jack Haworth, and Chad Griffis.

General Public Comments: N/A

Budget: Samantha provided committee members with a budget report, the remaining balance was \$67,800.00.

Old Business: Minutes: Members were provided with draft minutes from April 3 & 16, which were approved as written.

New Business: BLM Solar Water Pumping System: Jim explained that he'd been playing phone tag with RC Lopez/BLM but finally spoke to him on Monday and it sounds like the BLM will contribute money so HPP is off the hook.

Silver Spur Vinyl Wire: Jacob let everyone know he'd given the manager an application but hasn't heard anything more. Proposal removed until further notice.

Jack Haworth Solar Well: Jack would like to replace his generator with a solar well. The BLM said they would pay \$1500 for the panels. The total cost of the project is over \$8k so he asked if HPP would contribute. Project site is on BLM, which Jack leases to Blaine. The BLM installed the well in 1997. Blaine thought the Grazing Advisory Board would kick in \$4,000.00. The well is ¼ mile from tanks and they will have an electric float valve. Labor to dig trench will be in-kind. Darrell asked about escape ramps, which Blaine hadn't considered. Samantha pointed out that other committees will request escape ramps be used when they help fund water developments. The committee approved \$2,500.00 for the project in FY20.

Chad Griffis Stackyard: Chad explained that his stackyards would be for the Arapaho Ranch. Elk came in and damaged 280 square bales. His plan would be to take down two of the stackyards

damaged by snow that are not worth saving and request two new 990' stackyards. Since the ranch doesn't qualify for game damage HPP would pay for the materials but they would be responsible for the construction. Josh asked Chad if 990s would be big enough to move snow and hay; Chad explained that he could plow outside to stop drifting. The committee approved to pay for game damage materials needed for two 990' stackyards.

Other Business: Potential Guests for Statewide Meeting: Todd asked if anyone had thought anymore about his suggestion to invite Steve Porter. Everyone was okay with his suggestion so Todd will reach out to Steve.

New Chairperson Discussion: After much discussion it was decided that Todd would become the new chair and Tara would take over for Darrell as the new co-chair since Darrell mentioned he might be leaving.

Jim Murphy was not on the agenda but had a stackyard proposal to discuss. He didn't have any elk in his stacked hay but they came close and ended up in nearby stacks. Jim would like to request a 660 with 2 gates and thinks this time next year he might be back for two more but there are a lot of logistics to figure out first. The committee will discuss Jim's proposal during a future conference call.

Josh reminded everyone that Blaine will need his stackyard constructed, VanValkenburg is up in the air and Jim's will need to be constructed too. He suggested that the committee try to put all 3 stackyard construction projects together in one bid. The bid process was discussed and the committee decided that since HPP is not required to go out for bid they would just request quotes directly from the companies they've worked with in the past; skip advertising all together.

Select Next Meeting Date: A conference call was scheduled for May 22nd at 7pm to discuss Jim Murphy's stackyard request. Future Agenda Items: Tara suggested we talk about application requirements during the next in-person meeting. Tiffany will have a project to propose at the next meeting.

Roundtable: N/A

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:16pm.