



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES
September 10th, 2019
Canon City Hunter Education Building

Committee Members present:

- Jim Aragon, Colorado Parks and Wildlife AWM
- Aaron Atwood, Livestock Grower
- Joe Moore, Livestock Grower
- Jeff Williams, BLM Rangeland Management Specialist
- Stephanie Shively, USFS Wildlife Biologist
- Brett McMurry, Livestock Grower
- Tyrel Woodward, Sportsmen

Administrative Assistant:

- Hanna Cook

Guests: Kim Woodruff (CPW-DWM)

Meeting called to order at 10:15 AM

Budget Report

The 2020 budget report was reviewed.

Old Business

The state council has purchased 25 rolls of white vinyl wire for each committee. The wire has been delivered to the Canon City stockpile.

The Arkansas River committee had 4 10 ft tire tanks delivered to Lathrop State Park. Those tanks need to be transferred to Canon City. Jim will work with Jay Adamic to make sure they are picked up soon.

New Business

Project Application Proposals and Reviews

Tom Grette Professional Services-Kim Woodruff

Kim is asking HPP for \$7,000 to pay Tom Grette for his services mapping and flagging project sites and supervising work crews. CPW and BLM employees do not have a lot of time for mapping and flagging, so Tom's services are vital to the success of habitat projects in the area. CPW and BLM staff will contribute time for planning and implementation.

The project was approved for \$7,000.

Inmate Hand-thinning-Kim Woodruff

Kim is asking HPP for \$3,000 to pay for chainsaw maintenance, gas, oil, and safety equipment for inmate labor crews that will complete hand thinning on public lands to improve wildlife habitat. They are planning to do work in the Wellsville and Sand Gulch areas. They are also planning to complete some sprout removal as maintenance on some old HPP project sites.

The project was approved for \$3,000.

AR HPP DMP Revision

The Arkansas River 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. A new draft will be sent to the committee and the committee will vote on final approval at the next meeting. The final draft of the new plan will be submitted to Pat Tucker in December. 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

Kim has been working with the Muley Fanatic Foundation to get funding to pay SWIFT crew to work on a habitat project. They are willing to contribute \$5,000, and Kim would like to see if HPP would match that amount. The project would likely start in February, so Kim will put together an application to present at the next meeting. There may be some new SWIFT crews, so new crews will likely do work in the area for free while they are being trained.

The HPP statewide annual meeting will be happening on December 3rd, 4th, and 5th in Grand Junction.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 PM

Next meeting: November 19th at 10:00 AM at the Royal Gorge Field Office in Canon City.

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