



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES
Conference Call
April 13, 2020
5:30pm

Introductions: **Members attending meeting:** Nita Naugle/Livestock Grower, Darren Ebaugh/Sportspersons, Eric Scherff/BLM, Kelsey Crane/USFS, Jeff Clyncke/Livestock Grower, AWM Kris Middledorf/CPW and Admin. Samantha Sorensen/CPW. **Guests attending the meeting:** Carolina Manriquez/CSFS, Clinton Whitten/NRCS, DWM Jack Taylor/CPW, Dave Peregoy, Cam and Laurie Kuelthau.

General Public Comments: None.

Budget Report: Samantha provided committee members with a budget report. To date the committee had spent \$4,772.00 above and beyond their \$100,000.00 FY2020 budget.

Old Business: Minutes from February 10th were presented and approved as written.

New Business: Willow Creek Pass HOA/Carlson Fence: Proposal is for continuation of fence project approved earlier this fiscal year. Replacing 30 year old lay down with wildlife friendly fence. Dave mentioned that the design would be a 5 strand fence, after much discussion it was made clear that HPP would only fund a wildlife friendly 4 strand fence. Kris mentioned HPP's two objectives and stated he wasn't sure HPP is responsible for fence needed to keep cattle off HOA; there might be a need on certain sections. Dave pointed out that there are a lot of elk on SLB that damage fence. Open space located between two areas of HOA. Topics concerning project completion timing, total project cost, fence design, new application, and price/foot committee guidelines were discussed. The committee approved \$5,000.00 for a 4 strand wildlife friendly fence. A voucher will be completed for the requested 3 rolls of vinyl wire.

FY21 Elk Mountain Ranch Forest Mgt.: Cam and Laurie worked with the CSFS and NRCS to put together a habitat improvement project. Carolina explained the project will involve forest recovery and mitigating fuels. Aspen, sub alpine fir, and gamble oak north of Elk Mountain will be mechanically treated through a combination of mowing/shredding and logging. The goal is to create habitat through renewal of vegetation and reduce fire risk. The committee approved \$10k.

Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion: Tire Tank Escape Ramps: Samantha shared Pat's message stating that all HPP tire tank projects must have escape ramps so that animals trapped in the tank can get out. Clinton offered up escape ramp designs if needed.

Select Next Meeting Date: June 22nd at 5:30pm. Future Agenda Items: Discuss committee specific guidelines regarding fence and mastication, etc.

Roundtable: Kelsey announced that this would be her last HPP meeting. She is stepping down from the committee and taking a promotion in Salida. She is working with her supervisor on a HPP committee rep replacement.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:46pm.