



**HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES**  
**Zoom Video Conference**  
**August 11, 2020**  
**7:00PM**

**Introductions:** Members attending the meeting were: DWM Evan Jones/CPW, Gary Visintainer/Livestock Grower, Gary Nichols/Sportsperson, Toni Toelle/BLM, Chad Green/Livestock Grower, and Admin. Samantha Sorensen/CPW.

**Guests attending the meeting were:** Ida Gordon

**General Public Comments:** Chad verified that Sean Durham provided him with his proxy.

**Budget Report:** Samantha provided committee members with a budget report.

**Old Business:** The minutes from July 14 and July 29 were presented and approved as written.

**New Business:** Gordon-Hamilton Ranch South Field Seeding: Ida explained that she would like to disc and seed a 37 acre field on her Hamilton Ranch. The goal is to create better hay ground with a secondary benefit to wildlife. Jerry Powell is lined up to do the work. Ida charges for hunting and most of her hunters have been coming out for years. Chad questioned whether improved forage along the highway would create a different or increased conflict. Evan felt that it wouldn't really change anything with regard to collisions and that deer will winter in that area regardless. It was pointed out that HPP has funded other projects in the area so Ida's project would contribute to a landscape scale impact. Ida leases the pasture for cattle grazing but she agreed to keep cattle out after cutting the field in order to provide more of a benefit for big game. There was some discussion regarding the seed mixture. Ida also agreed to allow a youth or disabled hunt on the property. The committee approved \$3,045.10 for the project.

**Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion:** Next Meeting: September 8<sup>th</sup> and December 8<sup>th</sup> both at 7pm, most likely as video conferences. Future Agenda Items: TBD

**Roundtable:** None

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 7:48pm.