



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES
Zoom Video Conference
December 9, 2020
2:30 pm

Introductions: **Members present were:** Doug Bruchez/Livestock Grower, Conway Farrell/Sportsperson, Seth Jennings/USFS, Chris Clatterbuck/NPS, Chuck Alexander/Livestock Grower, Dave Hammer/Livestock Grower, and Admin. Samantha Sorensen.

Guests present were: AWM Jeromy Huntington, DWM Gene Abram, DWM Serena Rocksund, Allison Hearne, Katherine Dines, HPP Coordinator Pat Tucker, Katlin Miller, and Ryan Fosha.

General Public Comments: None.

Budget Report: Samantha provided committee members with a current budget report and stated that \$60,113.93 was still available.

Old Business: Approval of Minutes: The draft minutes from September 9th were presented and approved as written.

Committee Appreciation Award: Lyle's plaque was shipped to Jeromy. The committee would like to have Jeromy present Lyle with the award during the March meeting.

New Business: HPP Involvement with Fire Recovery Discussion: A lengthy discussion was had with regard to how HPP can appropriately assist with fire recovery efforts. Pat pointed out that projects still need to fit HPP's purpose and that it's difficult to say here's a pot of money for something. Jeromy said it might be appropriate to assist with fence replacements if converting to a wildlife friendly design. He also pointed out that things are still in the assessment period. CPW staff are not seeing doom and gloom with regard to wildlife; 30 animals have been found dead or had to be put down. Pat reiterated that he understands the devastation but projects need to meet program objectives. Not every fence burned down is HPP's responsibility to rebuild; may have a part to play. Seeding may not even be needed, see what comes back first. Weed control may be legitimate. It's easier for HPP to handle individual proposals.

MPCD Clover/Alfalfa Seeding: The committee approved \$7500 for the annual project.

East Troublesome Fire Ag Reseeding: The committee approved the purchase of \$20,000.00 worth of seed to assist with post fire reseeding efforts. The committee also approved \$5,000.00 for Mark Volt, or someone, to assess properties and determine the amount and type of seed needed.

East Troublesome Fire Fencing: Tabled.

MPHPP Fence Voucher Program: Samantha gave an overview of FY2020 fence vouchers. The committee approved \$20,000.00 for the annual project. Pat offered to have the State Council pay for this year's fence vouchers.

Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion: Select 2021 Meeting Dates: March 10, June 9, September 8, and December 15th. Future Agenda Items: Never Summer Ranch Noxious Weeds, and possibly Middle Park gates.

Roundtable: Chris-wildlife response similar, only one collared moose caught in the fire. Pat-State Council has two vacancies, a livestock grower and sportsperson representative. Jeromy-flights coming up, herd counts and long-term survivability study. Also, suggested ad or newspaper article about HPP. Gene-hasn't had anyone request Middle Park gates for ages. Seth-medium to low burn of soil. BAER team currently assessing potential post fire problems.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:09pm.