



**HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES**  
**Colorado Parks & Wildlife 925 Weiss Drive, Steamboat Springs**  
**January 13, 2020**  
**5:30pm**

**Introductions:** **Members attending meeting:** AWM Kris Middledorf/CPW, Eric Scherff/BLM, Larry Monger/Livestock Grower, Kelsey Crane/USFS, Darren Ebaugh/Sportspersons, Jeff Clyncke/Livestock Grower(6pm), and Admin. Samantha Sorensen/CPW. **Guests attending the meeting:** Clinton Whitten, Jen Perkins, Gilbert Anderson, Krista Monger, Justin Warren, Bryce Hinchman, Megan Knott, HPP Coordinator Pat Tucker, DWM Adam Gerstenberger, and DWM Jack Taylor.

**General Public Comments:** Megan talked about the merger between CCALT & Yampa Valley Land Trust.

**Budget Report:** Samantha provided committee members with a budget report. The remaining budget for FY20 was \$13,376.00. Kris pointed out if/when the committee uses up their budget they can request funding for future projects from State Council.

**Old Business:** Minutes from September 16 & December 9 were presented and approved as written.

**New Business:** D8 Herd Management Plan Update: Kris gave a presentation on the State Bridge mule deer herd and the recommendations made by CPW. He suggested committee members take some time to read the draft plan, once it's available, and then in February the committee can decide on which alternatives they prefer and work on a comment letter.

FY21 MHHA Fenceline II: The proposal requested funding for, the second phase, another 1.5 miles of fence. Gilbert explained that the fencing is needed for rotational grazing. He estimated that the project would take 60 days to complete. The wildlife friendly design will reduce entanglement. There was some discussion about which fiscal year the funding would come out of. The committee approved \$5,000.00 for the project, out of FY21, with the understanding that work could not begin until July 1, 2020.

Monger Hay Meadow Conservation Easement: Larry recused himself from voting on the CE. Megan explained that the CE would ensure that 110 acres are protected in perpetuity. Any buildings would be limited to a small building envelope. They have a deadline of May 1<sup>st</sup> with Routt County. Kris pointed out that land conservation is one of the more important things. The committee approved \$5,000.00 for transaction costs.

Starbuck Ranch Conservation Easement: Jeff recused himself from voting on the project. Megan pointed out that there is ton of water on the property and it's great habitat at the foot of the flattops. The CE would keep and protect habitat for big game. Again, they have a May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline with Routt County, and they hope to close by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Pat mentioned that work could begin on the reports without a purchase order. He also mentioned that there is flexibility to extend a PO but that they should try to avoid it. The committee approved \$7,000.00 for transaction costs.

**Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion:** Select Next Meeting Date: February 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. Future Agenda Items: Celebrate Ag, D8 Letter, UYWCD Blacktail Fence.

**Roundtable:** Jeff: Stated that he thought the HPP conference was very informative and a great opportunity. Kelsey: Agreed with Jeff's comments. Kris: Talked about the ballot initiative to reintroduce wolves to the state, and the wolf report in Moffat county.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:25pm.