



## HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

July 14th, 2020

Zoom Video Conference

6:00 PM- 8:10 PM

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### Committee members Present:

- Ron Garcia, *USFWS Representative*
- Alvin Kunugi, *Livestock Growers Representative*
- Roy Oliver, *Livestock Growers Representative*
- Shane Lancaster, *Livestock Growers Representative*
- Mike Maldonado, *Sportsperson Representative*
- Scott Nilson, *BLM Representative*
- Brian Bechaver, *CPW Representative*

**Administrators:** Hanna Cook

**Guests:** Conrad Albert (DWM), Pam Rice (NPS), Rick Basagoitia (CPW-AWM), Dewane Mosher (NPS), Pat Tucker (HPP Coordinator)

### Budget Report

The 2020 and 2021 budget reports were reviewed.

### New Business

#### North Valley Hunt Coordinator Discussion

Rick Basagoitia is working with Leon Martinez on plans for hunt coordinators/dispersal coordinators in the Northern San Luis Valley. They still have work to do before they are ready with their plans. They will need to figure out how to advertise for and select someone that is trustworthy and reliable as a dispersal coordinator. CPW Southwest Regional Manager Cory Chick has suggested that HPP be involved with funding, but there will also be logistics that need to be sorted out between the National Parks Service and CPW before arriving at the funding stage. Rick will continue to work on plans, and will discuss more details with Dewane Mosher to ensure that both CPW and NPS requirements are being fulfilled.

#### Project Application Proposals and Reviews

##### Blu Valley Ranch Fencing Project-Conrad Albert

Conrad is asking HPP for \$6,223.50 for fence materials needed to build 2.68 miles of wildlife friendly fence. Elk have been moving onto the irrigated pasture land, and the landowner has been experiencing a lot of fence damage from them. A wildlife friendly fence will help to

reduce damage to fences and injury to big game. White vinyl wire will be installed on the top strand. The current materials list for this one include wire stays, which would not allow the landowner to build a drop down fence using the fence clips that the committee provides with white wire. The landowner will complete labor. Conrad will remove the wire stays from the order form and will use the clips provided by the committee, which will change the overall total. **The project was approved for \$5,706.70 plus 10 rolls of white vinyl wire and fence clips from the stockpile.**

#### Kenneth Vialpando Fencing Project-Conrad Albert

Conrad is asking HPP for \$2,613.35 for fence materials needed to replace 1.3 miles of old fence with new wildlife friendly fence. This property borders Larry Vialpando's property, who will also be constructing 1.3 miles of wildlife friendly fence. Both properties have been experiencing fence damage from elk for years. The new wildlife friendly fence will reduce damage to fences and injury to big game. **The project was approved for \$2,691.37 plus 5 rolls of white vinyl wire and clips from the stockpile.**

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#### Columbian Ranch Forage Purchase-Conrad Albert

Conrad would like to continue the forage purchase on the Columbian Ranch. The committee still feels that this is the most effective option to alleviate conflicts in the area, and it seems to be helping the neighboring landowners a lot. Conrad will be working with the landowner to come to an agreement on a firm grazing plan (number of cattle, time spent on pasture, etc.). No reimbursement will be made to the landowner until Conrad has confirmed that the agreed upon plan was followed. The proposal is for 240 tons of forage at \$100/ton for a total of \$24,000. **The project was approved for \$24,000 contingent on DWM approval of grazing plan.**

#### **Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion**

- The committee will need to order more white vinyl wire soon to replenish their stockpile. Brian also suggested that the committee purchase another set of white wire tools (spinning jenny, pliers, etc) to allow for more wire to be installed at once instead of having landowners wait on the one set of tools. This will be discussed at the next meeting.
- Conrad has two more fence projects to present at the next meeting. Applications will be ready soon.
- Shane Lancaster has been approved by the Parks and Wildlife Commission as the new livestock grower representative for the MBHPP committee.

**Next meeting: August 19th at 6:00 PM via video conference.**

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