



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES
June 9th, 2020
Video Conference

Committee Members present:

- Jim Aragon, Colorado Parks and Wildlife AWM
- Aaron Atwood, Livestock Grower
- Joe Moore, Livestock Grower
- Jeff Williams, BLM Rangeland Management Specialist
- Stephanie Shively, USFS Wildlife Biologist
- Brett McMurry, Livestock Grower
- Tyrel Woodward, Sportsmen

Administrative Assistant:

- Hanna Cook

Guests: Bob Carochi (CPW DWM), Kim Woodruff (CPW DWM), Bob Musgrove (Landowner), Joe Carochi (Landowner), Ron Chernak (Landowner), Pat Tucker (HPP Coordinator)

Meeting called to order at 10:00 AM

Budget Report

The 2020 and 2021 budget reports were reviewed.

Old Business

Aaron Richter let Hanna know that they will plan to complete the elongated mustard helicopter treatment on Thursday this week, weather permitting.

New Business

Project Application Proposals and Reviews

Rock Creek Water Project-Bob Carochi, Joe Carochi

Bob and Joe are asking HPP for \$6,175 for a solar pump that will pump water from an existing well to a tire tank that will provide a reliable water source for wildlife and livestock. The well is producing about 5 gallons/minute. The landowner will provide equipment and labor to install the tire tank and solar pump.

The project was approved for \$6,175 for FY 2021.

Iron Horse Ranch Solar Well and Tire Tank –Bob Carochi, Bob Musgrove

Bob and Bob are asking HPP for \$5,557 for a solar pump that will pump water from an existing well to a tire tank that will provide a reliable water source for wildlife and livestock. They are also asking for one 10 ft tire tank from the HPP stockpile. Some of the properties in this area experience game damage, so Bob hopes that adding an additional water source will help to alleviate some of the game damage by helping with dispersal. There is an existing spring on the property, but it does not produce very much water, so the well is the most reliable source for wildlife and livestock. The well produces about 10 gallons/minute. The landowner will provide labor and equipment to install the solar pump, pipeline, and tire tank.

The project was approved for \$5,557 for FY 2021 plus one 10 ft tire tank from the HPP stockpile.

Tom Grette Professional Services-Kim Woodruff

Kim is asking HPP for \$7,000 to pay Tom Grette for his services mapping and flagging project sites and supervising work crews. CPW and BLM employees do not have a lot of time for mapping and flagging, so Tom's services are vital to the success of habitat projects in the area. CPW and BLM staff will contribute time for planning and implementation. Tom will be able to help with a large scale habitat project in Bloody Gulch among other projects.

The project was approved for \$7,000 for FY 2021.

Inmate Hand-thinning-Kim Woodruff

Kim is asking HPP for \$3,000 to pay for chainsaw maintenance, gas, oil, and safety equipment for inmate labor crews that will complete hand thinning on public lands to improve wildlife habitat. They are planning to do work in the Wellsville, Sand Gulch, and Pinyon Hills areas.

The project was approved for \$3,000 for FY 2021.

Midway Spring Pipeline and Tanks-Stephanie Shivley

Stephanie is asking HPP for \$8,550 for a solar pump, pipe, and tire tanks that will allow the permittee to pump water from an existing spring development to tanks on other pastures. HPP helped to fund part of this spring development in the past (FY 2018). The spring produces about 8 gallons/minute. The permittee will purchase additional pipe, part of the pump system, and will install everything. The USFS will provide some additional pipe and will complete cultural and biological clearances and rangeland management support and decision. They hope to install 2 tire tanks that will be fed from the spring, but if the USFS is unable to provide enough pipe for that, then they will do one tank for now until they are able to extend it to the second tank. The pipeline will run above ground. Some committee members are concerned about vandalism or damage to the above ground pipe. They suggest that Stephanie and the permittee look into piling dirt and/or rocks around the pipeline to help protect it. Stephanie will look into it.

The project was approved for \$7,700 for FY 2021 plus one 8 ft tire tank from the committee stockpile.

*Stephanie abstained from voting

Remaining committee business/other discussion

Kim let the committee know that Chaffee County may have a weed project to propose that would help landowners to treat noxious weeds on their properties.

Joe has heard from a landowner that they weren't sure if they were allowed to buy fence clips with the HPP fence voucher. The committee voted to add fence clips to the list of acceptable materials on the voucher. Hanna has updated the vouchers to include clips.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:28 AM

Next meeting: August 18th at 10:00 AM via video conference.

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