



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

Republican Rivers Committee

June 10th, 2020

Zoom Meeting

Committee members present:

- Josh Melby, CPW-DWM**
- Dustin Wise, Sportsman**
- Chris Craig, Livestock Grower**
- Don Fritzler, Livestock Grower**
- Clayt Cooper, Livestock Grower**

- Hanna Cook, Administrative Assistant**

Guests: John Hardwick (HPP State Council), Chris Eisenhard (Landowner), Tad Howard (Landowner)

Meeting called to order at 6:05 PM

Budget Report

The 2020 and 2021 budget reports were reviewed. All projects are still on track to be completed this fiscal year.

The HPP State Council has increased the 2021 budget by 10%.

New Business

Project Application Proposals and Reviews

Eisenhard Habitat Project- Chris Eisenhard, Tad Howard

Chris and Tad are asking HPP for \$9,732 for herbicide, seed, trees/shrubs, fencing materials, water development materials, and other materials in order to develop a tree and food plot that will provide shelter, food, and water to wildlife. There is a lack of suitable wildlife habitat in the area, so deer tend to congregate in crop fields and cause damage, and this increase in wildlife habitat will help to draw deer away from crop fields. Noxious weeds will be sprayed, and replaced with native grasses and forbs to increase forage. 900 trees and shrubs will be planted to provide shelter, and a dripline will be installed to ensure survival of the trees. Finally, old hydrants that are not in working condition will be fixed to provide irrigation for the tree and food plots and water sources for wildlife. Chris and Tad have done a test plot with 120 trees, and it seems to be working well, so they

would like to expand it. Josh suggested a grass seed mix that has been very beneficial to wildlife in the area, and will get that information to Chris and Tad.

The project was approved for \$9,732 for FY 2021.

Klassen Windbreak Project-Chris Craig, Troy Klassen

Chris and Troy are asking HPP for \$4,641 for trees, shrubs, and materials needed to establish a windbreak on Troy Klassen's property. The windbreak will increase the amount of wildlife habitat in the area, and should help to draw deer away from crops where they are causing damage. Troy will complete labor to establish the windbreak and will provide additional materials and equipment.

The project was approved for \$4,641 for FY 2021.

The next meeting will be held on September 9th at 6:00 PM via video conference.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM

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