



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

CPW Area Office – 73485 Hwy 64

March 5, 2020

5:30pm

Introductions: Members present were: DWM Bailey Franklin/CPW, Jim Brennan/livestock grower, Mary Taylor/BLM, Rich Parr/sportsperson, Butch Theos/livestock grower, Lenny KlingleSmith/livestock grower, Curtis Keetch/USFS and Admin. Samantha Sorensen/CPW.

Guests present were: Joe Sullivan, DWM Ross McGee, Landon Smith, Tristen Nielsen, and Thad McCollum.

General Public Comments: None.

Budget Report: Committee members were presented with a budget report. The committee has already spent their \$200,000.00 budget plus an additional \$21,026.94.

Old Business: Minutes from August 26 were presented and approved as written.

New Business: Thompson Springs Pipeline Extension: Thad presented the committee with four separate proposals (Thompson Springs Pipeline Extension, Dry Duck Well, Mare Canyon Well, and Wet Weather Well). All of the project sites are located south of Highway 64; north of the highway they didn't hit any water. There is existing water in the allotments but not in the areas they are proposing. The BLM provided a letter of support for all 4 projects. The pipeline extension would consist of four miles of pipeline and two tire tanks. The other three sites would each have a new well, solar pump, storage tank and tire tank. Bailey reiterated that HPP will not pay for dry wells. The water developments would help distribute cattle, plus there are lots of deer and elk in the area. The BLM will supply the pumps and panels. The committee approved all four projects at once, totaling \$88,745.57.

Dry Duck Well: Approved-see above.

Mare Canyon Well: Approved-see above.

Wet Weather Well: Approved-see above.

Miller Creek Ranch Irrigated Ag Seeding: Proposed reseeding an irrigated field with a custom seed mix, it's currently dominated by smooth brome. The goal is to improve forage, and habitat for wildlife. The committee approved \$4,026.75 for the project.

Miller Creek Ranch Dryland Ag Seeding: This project would take place in FY21. The plan is to mechanically treat and seed approximately 15 acres of dryland with a custom seed mix. Again, the goal is to improve forage and habitat for wildlife. The committee approved \$1,951.25.

Sam Luv Ag Seeding: Tabled.

Lake/Sullivan Irrigated Ag Seeding: Proposed planting 35 acres with Round-up ready alfalfa. The goal would be to increase diversity of forage for Ag and wildlife. They have a herd of elk most of the fall, and winter. The project would benefit hunters on and around the property. The committee approved \$5,246.25 for the project.

Sullivan Brush Thin/Interseeding: The plan is to use an aerator to chew up sage and then reseed with a grass/alfalfa mix. The committee approved \$9,614.00.

Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion: Tire Tank Escape Ramps: Samantha explained that HPP tire tank projects need to include escape ramps, this includes projects that have been approved in the past.

Select Next Meeting Date: Future Agenda Items: Samantha will send out a Doodle poll to establish an April meeting date.

Roundtable: None.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:43pm.