



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

November 10th, 2020

Zoom Video Call

Committee Members present:

- Mike Trujillo, Colorado Parks and Wildlife AWM
- Terry Everhart, Livestock Grower
- Kenn Lutz, Livestock Grower
- Dwaine Robey, Sportsperson
- John Stroh II, Livestock Grower
- Jeff Outhier, USFS
- Glenda Torres, BLM

Administrative Assistant:

- Hanna Cook

Guests: Timothy (Dylan) Thomsen (CPW Tech), Mike Smith (CPW Tech), Allen Vitt (CPW Biologist), Destiny Chapman (USFS), Pat Tucker (HPP Coordinator)

Meeting called to order by John Stroh at 10:10 AM

Budget Report

The budget report was reviewed.

Old Business

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

The committee would like to be notified when landowners are receiving tire tanks.

New Business

Project Application Proposals and Reviews

Bosque del Oso Water Well Improvement Project-Dylan Thomsen

Dylan is asking HPP for \$25,000 to install solar pump systems and tanks on 4 inactive water wells and re-drill them if necessary. There are currently 3 operating wells and 8 non-operating wells. This creates a situation where water is a limiting wildlife habitat factor for the majority of the property. Dylan will need to have a contractor come out to look at the inactive wells in order to determine if they need to be re-drilled or not. The project price accounts for the worst case scenario-re-drilling of all 4 wells (up to 300 ft) in addition to the solar pumps. If they do not need to re-drill all four, then any remaining funds will go towards putting solar pumps on the remaining inactive wells. Restoring these wells will supply year round water for wildlife, which

will improve habitat on public lands. It will also reduce the pressure and damage to riparian zones, will improve cattle grazing, and should reduce pressure on neighboring properties where game damage claims are filed. RMEF and GOCO will contribute additional funds, and CPW staff will provide in kind hours for planning, oversight, and other labor.

The committee is concerned about approving the requested amount without knowing exactly how much work will be done. They would like to get more information on the extent of work needed to restore these 4 non-operating wells. Dylan will look into having a contractor come out to assess the wells and will come back to the committee when he knows what is needed to get them operating again. Dylan will also check with the funding partners to see if this will affect the matching funds at all. **The project has been tabled until the wells have been assessed by a contractor.**

Spanish Peaks SWA Timber Treatment Project-Mike Smith

Mike is asking HPP for \$25,000 for habitat treatment on the Spanish Peaks SWA. The RMEF has approved \$47,500, and CPW will also match \$47,500. They are aiming to treat 200-300 acres total. The acreage treated will depend on the price per acre that comes from the bid process. They have already treated approximately 700 acres over the last 5 years, so this project will expand on the habitat improvements and create more habitat for big game on public lands, improving public hunting and reducing game damage claims.

The project was approved for \$25,000.

Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion

The committee is okay with CPW wildlife technicians approving vouchers for landowners to get tire tanks and white wire, as long as they are communicating with DWMs.

Terry Everhart is working with Gretchen Holschuh on a potential habitat project on Everhart Ranch. This will likely be presented at a future meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 AM

The next meeting will be held on: January 5th, 2020 at 10:00 AM as a video call.

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