



## HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

### September 29th, 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

#### Administrative Assistant:

- Hanna Cook

**Guests:** Pat Tucker (HPP Coordinator), Kim Woodruff (CPW-DWM), Marisa Neuzil (Teller Park Conservation District), Tyler Kersey (CPW-DWM), Patty Knupp (NRCS)

**Meeting called to order at 10:03 AM**

#### Budget Report

The budget report was reviewed.

#### Old Business

The committee has not received any applications for the sportsperson vacancy yet. The deadline is January 11<sup>th</sup>.

The Dead Horse Habitat project is almost complete.

#### New Business

##### Project Application Proposals and Reviews

###### Little Badger Hydro-axe and seeding project-Kim Woodruff

Kim is asking HPP for \$15,000 for habitat treatment. The project area is in the Sand Gulch drainage where other habitat projects have been completed, so this will help to improve the habitat in the area on a large scale, and will continue to encourage big game to stay on public lands. BLM will be contributing \$107,000. A total of 376 acres will be treated overall, and they are estimating around \$290/acre. The project will need to go out for bid, so the price per acre has not been confirmed yet. Kim is asking for \$10,000 for hydro-axe treatment, and \$5,000 for seed to complete hand seeding on 40+ acres in the treatment area where understory

vegetation is lacking. If the bid for the hydro-axe work comes in at \$290/acre or close, then Kim will not need the full \$10,000 from HPP, and the extra funds will go back into the committee budget. CPW will handle the bid process.

**The project was approved for \$15,000 (\$5,000 for seed, and up to \$10,000 for hydro-axe work).**

**Sheep Creek Water Project Discussion-Kim Woodruff**

CPW has acquired a portion of this STL property as part of the public access program. Kim is planning to ask SLB if they will fund a new well, and then would ask HPP for money for the pump, panels, etc. This project would not be until next fiscal year, so Kim is just gauging interest from the committee for the potential project. The committee agrees that it will be beneficial to get more water in the area, and they are interested in seeing an application for this project. Kim will put everything together for a future meeting.

**Tire Tanks Request**

This was not discussed.

**Tire Tank Stockpile**

The committee is running low on tire tanks in their stockpile, so they would like to order more. The committee feels that the 8ft tanks are easier to deal with and the most useful for most landowners in the area, so they would like to order a load of 8ft tanks to replenish the stockpile. A full load will likely cost around \$6,000. Hanna will work with the vendor to get a quote and place the order.

**The project was approved for \$6,000.**

**Remaining committee business/other discussion**

Kim will likely have another water project proposal for Dirty Gulch in the future.

**The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 AM**

**Next meeting: December 8th at 10:00 AM via video conference.**

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