



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

September 2nd, 2020
Zoom Video Conference
6:00 PM- 6:50 PM

Committee members Present:

- Ron Garcia, *USFWS Representative*
- Alvin Kunugi, *Livestock Growers Representative*
- Roy Oliver, *Livestock Growers Representative*
- Shane Lancaster, *Livestock Growers Representative*
- Mike Maldonado, *Sportsperson Representative*
- Scott Nilson, *BLM Representative*
- Brian Bechaver, *CPW Representative*

Administrators: Hanna Cook

Guests: Don Chrupp (landowner), Patty Knupp (NRCS), Leon Martinez (CPW DWM), Pam Rice (NPS)

Budget Report

The 2021 budget report was reviewed.

New Business

Project Application Proposals and Reviews

North San Luis Valley Dispersal Coordinator

CPW is asking HPP for \$10,000 for a dispersal coordinator that will facilitate big game dispersal in the Northern San Luis Valley. CPW will be overseeing the dispersal efforts. The Sand Dunes National Park will start dispersal efforts this year, and a coordinator will help to keep elk from congregating on the Baca or other areas that may serve as a refuge during dispersal on the park. While on the park and the refuge USFWS can provide a vehicle for the coordinator to use. NPS staff will also be out to help with dispersal efforts will work closely with CPW, Ron Garcia, and the coordinator. CPW will handle recruitment and hiring of the coordinator. They will start the process as soon as possible to allow time to orient and train the person.

The project was approved for \$10,000.

****Brian abstained from voting**

Landowner Fence Reimbursement Vouchers and Materials

The committee has ordered 39 rolls of white wire to replenish the stockpile, which will use the majority of the current reimbursement voucher and materials budget. The committee will need to increase that budget in order to order more clips for the stockpile and provide a budget for fence reimbursement vouchers for landowners as needed. 80 bags of clips will cost \$2,800 (plus shipping). The committee would like to cover the cost of clips, plus additional funds for landowner reimbursement vouchers.

The project was approved for \$5,800

Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion

-There is fence project for the Medano Zapata Ranch that needs to be discussed soon. This will be a wildlife friendly fence that will reduce damage from elk, which will prevent Bison from escaping the ranch. The committee will schedule another meeting to review this project application.

Next meeting: September 23rd at 6:00 PM via video conference.

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