



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

South Park Committee

April 28th, 2021

Zoom Video Conference

Committee members present:

- John Woodward, Livestock grower
- Tyler Stoltzfus, CPW
- Webb Smith, Livestock grower
- Randy Tingle, Sports person
- Christine Cloninger, BLM
- Steve Allard, Livestock grower
- Sheila Lamb, USFS

Administrator: Hanna Cook, Administrative Assistant

Guests: Scott Murdoch (CPW), Bill Rivale (CPW), Pat Tucker (HPP Coordinator), Mark Lamb (CPW)

Meeting called to order by Steve Allard at 10:00 AM

Budget Report

The budget report was reviewed.

John updated the committee that the DVPA Timber Treatment project was delayed due to snow, but they are still planning to have it completed before the end of the fiscal year.

New Business

HPP Committee Maps

HPP has been working on creating maps for local committees to show where large projects are occurring each year. Committees should be able to use this to analyze where most of their money is spent and if there are any areas that may need more attention. The maps shown are a first draft, and any recommended changes can be sent to Hanna. The maps may see changes such as adding the impact areas from the committee plan to the project map to compare the high impact areas with where work is being done.

Project Application Proposals and Reviews

63 Ranch Well Project-Bill Rivale

Bill is asking HPP for \$5,000 to drill a well that will feed three tire tanks on the 63 Ranch SWA. This will provide a reliable, year-round water source for wildlife and livestock, and will protect the riparian area from over-use. Fencing will be installed to protect the riparian area.

The project was approved for \$5,000.

2022 Voucher Renewals:

Fencing/Fence Materials

The South Park HPP committee would like to continue the landowner voucher program to supply fencing materials to landowners for small fence repair projects. DWMs will hand out vouchers to eligible landowners, and landowners have the option of being reimbursed for purchases, or of picking up materials from the SPHPP stockpile.

The committee would like to increase the voucher limit to \$400 for the 2022 fiscal year.

The fencing supply and reimbursement voucher program will be renewed for FY 2022 with a total budget of \$8,000 with the following rules:

- Landowners must allow some hunting access
- Vouchers are good for either \$400 reimbursement or \$400 in materials from the stockpile. One roll of white wire from the stockpile may be added on to the voucher limit.
- Vouchers must be filled out for any landowner taking materials. Material vouchers can be signed by a committee member or a DWM.
- Landowners must have a minimum of 160 acres. Any exceptions must be approved by the committee at a noticed meeting.
- Landowners are allowed 3 rolls of high visibility wire if they aren't getting other fence materials.

\$1000 will be allocated to reimbursements, and \$7,000 will be allocated to the purchase of fence materials needed to replenish the stockpile as needed.

Herbicide

The South Park HPP committee would like to continue the landowner voucher program to reimburse landowners for herbicide purchases.

The herbicide voucher program will be renewed for FY 2022 with a total budget of \$2,500 with the following rules:

- Landowners can be reimbursed for herbicide purchases up to \$250
- Herbicide vouchers can be given out to eligible landowners after being signed by a DWM or a committee member
- Landowners must have a minimum of 160 acres. Any exceptions must be approved by the committee at a noticed meeting.
- Reimbursements are for herbicide only (no dyes, no application costs)

2022 Meeting Meals/Operating Expenses

The committee voted to allocate \$500 for working meeting meals and \$500 for committee operating expenses, including committee member recognition.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM

The next meeting will be held on July 7th at 10:00 AM as a video conference.