



**HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES**  
**December 7, 2021**  
**Virtual Conference Call**

**Committee Members present:**

- Sean Shepherd, 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
- Ron Goodrich, Sportsman

**Administrative Assistant:**

- Kimberly Berscheid

**Guests:**

Michael Blanck – HPP Program Manager, Bob Carochi – CPW District Wildlife Manager, Chris West - RESTORE

**Meeting called to order at 10:00 AM**

**Budget Report**

The budget report was reviewed.

**Old Business**

The meeting minutes were approved.

**New Business**

**RESTORE – Chris West, Regional Director**

Chris presented a slide show to the committee information them about RESTORE. RESTORE is a partnership among NFWF, Great Outdoors Colorado, the Gates Family Foundation, Colorado Department of Natural Resources, Colorado Parks and Wildlife and the Colorado Water Conservation Board. They have 5 main resource concerns: Big Game Migration, Forest and Post-Fire Restoration, Sagebrush restoration, Grass land and Riparian Restoration. Projects are

funded by combining federal, private and corporate monies. They do not require a match from applicants and can produce significant large scale, cross jurisdictional projects on public and private lands. Chris provided his contact information along with other representatives in the Rocky Mountain Region.

### **Project Application Proposals and Reviews**

#### **Deer Haven Wheaten College Well Enhancement – Bob Carochi**

Bob is asking the committee for \$8,700 for materials to develop existing capped well with solar pump and panels. The project will include 2 10 ft. tire tanks contributed from the Grazing Advisory board. BLM will provide 3,500 of 1.5" poly pipe, well permit, NEPA clearances and a metal gate. The lease holder will provide labor trenching for the pipe and hauling tire tanks to the site as well as project monitoring after completion.

The tanks will be installed on the Deer Haven allotment, Dry Lake/Switzer Flats pastures. There is very little water available in this area for livestock and wildlife. The additional water sources will improve grazing distribution and management.

**The project was approved for \$8,700 for Fiscal Year 2022. Brett McMurry provided his proxy vote, Aaron Atwood abstained from voting.**

#### **Remaining committee business/other discussion**

Dead Horse Gulch Project Update – Stephanie Shively let the committee know that the SWIFT crew started on December 2<sup>nd</sup> and will working until the 15<sup>th</sup>.

**The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 AM**

**Next meeting: TBD**

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