



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

February 1st, 2021

Video Conference

Committee members present:

- Jason Surface, CPW
- Lars Larson, Livestock Growers
- Conrad Swanson, Livestock Growers
- Dale Oberlag, USFS
- Raechel Nelson, Livestock Growers
- Joe Straley, Sportsmen

Administrative Assistant: Hanna Cook

Guests: Don Anderson (HPP State Council Applicant), Zach Thode (Landowner), Pat Tucker (HPP Coordinator), Pepper Canterbury (CPW-NE Region Hunting and Angling Outreach Coordinator), Eric Lowery (CPW-DWM), Ray Aberle (CPW Private Lands Program Manager), Travis Rollins (Larimer County)

Meeting called to order at 5:00 PM

Budget Report

The budget report was reviewed.

New Business

HPP State Council Nominations: Don Anderson

Don would like to apply to the HPP State Council as a sportsperson's representative. He has experience with both hunting and agriculture, but he feels he will be a better representative of the sportspeople. The committee feels he would be a good fit, as he can represent Colorado sportspeople well, while still have an understanding of the agriculture side.

The committee approved Don's nomination to the HPP State Council as a Sportsperson's rep.

NE Region Hunting and Angling Program Updates-Pepper Canterbury

Pepper is now the NE Region Hunting and Angling Outreach Coordinator. This program teaches novice sportspeople to hunt and fish. They provide safe, ethical, and educational hunting opportunities to people new to the sport through classes and guided hunts on private lands. These guided hunts are ethical and professional, and can help to alleviate big game conflicts on private lands without opening the property up to public hunting. Private landowners can sign up to participate on an annual basis, and this can be a helpful tool for the committee to use

when trying to help landowners who aren't comfortable allowing public hunting on their property, but have big game conflicts that need to be alleviated.

Project Application Proposals and Reviews

Campbell Spring Pipeline

Zach is asking HPP for \$5,000 for pipeline and tanks needed to run water from a spring to dry pastures on the Roberts Ranch. They used to graze livestock in the winter when cattle could get water from the snow, but they are now transitioning to a summer grazing lease and will have more cattle than they used to. This area is very dry, and they will not have the benefit of snow during summer grazing, so they need to add water sources for the livestock. There is a spring on the property that they can use to pump water to tanks in the desired grazing areas. The neighboring property has had a lot of elk conflicts with their agricultural fields, but Roberts Ranch does not mind having elk on the property. These additional water sources will help to encourage elk to stay on Roberts Ranch instead of moving to the neighboring property and causing damage to crops. Zach says that the water pumped from the spring will not be enough volume to affect the lower riparian area. They will start pumping water in April/May, and will leave the pumps on until around October, and they plan to leave the tanks full for as long as they can.

The pump installed on the spring will be propane instead of solar, as they do not feel that the solar pump will have enough power to move water up to the higher elevations where they want the tanks. HPP's funds will be used as a reimbursement for materials, including the pump, pipeline, 2 water tanks, and a storage tank. The landowners will contribute additional funds for the materials, provide equipment, and will complete labor for installation. The committee requires that the holder of the conservation easement approves projects prior to starting work, so Zach will get a formal letter from The Nature Conservancy (the CE holder for that property) and send it to Hanna prior to beginning construction.

The project was approved for \$5,000 contingent on a formal letter from TNC approving the project.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 PM

Next meeting: TBD

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