



## **HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES**

### **South Park Committee**

**February 4th, 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:** Pat Tucker (HPP Coordinator), Warren Booth (HPP State Council Applicant), Marisa Neuzil (Teller Park Conservation District), Pepper Canterbury (CPW-NE Region Hunting and Angling Program Coordinator), Patty Knupp (NRCS), Ray Aberle (CPW-Private Lands Program Manager)

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

#### **Budget Report**

The budget report was reviewed.

#### **Old Business**

John let the committee know that the DVPA Timber Treatment project has not been done yet, as the crews they hired were called out to fires last year. The crew intends to get this project done in the spring. It is specified in the contract that the project needs to be done by mid-June, so John still expects it to be completed in this fiscal year.

#### **New Business**

##### **HPP State Council Nominations:**

Livestock Grower Representative: John Woodward

John would like to apply to the HPP State Council as a livestock grower representative. John is interested in promoting HPP more with agricultural producers around the state, and making sure that they have a voice. He interacts with other producers through CCA Conventions, and will

continue to do so in the future so that he can network and learn more about the needs of producers around the state.

**The committee approved John's nomination to the HPP State Council.**

**\*John abstained from the committee decision.**

Sportsperson Representative: Warren Booth

Warren would like to apply to the HPP State Council as a sportsperson representative. Warren is interested in getting more involved with HPP and representing sportspeople around the state. The committee is concerned that he does not yet have experience with any sportsperson's groups in the state. Warren has decided to withdraw his name from the running for HPP and will start looking into local sportsperson's groups to get more experience connecting with and representing sportspeople around the state.

**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. The program uses specially allocated vouchers/licenses for the novice hunters, and they do not necessarily need to follow the regular season structures. Hunts take place between August 15<sup>th</sup> and January 31<sup>st</sup>. 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.

**Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion**

There will be a project coming in to the committee for approval soon, it just needs to go through the SWA approval process first.

**The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM**

The next meeting will be held on April 8th at 10:00 AM as a video conference.

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