



## **HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES**

**Zoom Video Conference**

**January 26, 2021**

**5:30pm**

**Introductions: Members present were:** Mary Taylor/BLM, DWM Bailey Franklin/CPW, Angelo Theo/Livestock Grower, Lenny Klinglesmith/Livestock Grower, Curtis Keetch/USFS, Rich Parr/Sportsperson, and Admin. Samantha Sorensen/CPW. **Guests present were:** Ray Aberle, Brett Berthelson, Wiley Berthelson, Sally Ross, HPP Coordinator Pat Tucker, and Lex Collins(6:05-6:20)

**General Public Comments:** None.

**Budget Report:** Committee members were provided with a current budget report.

**Old Business:** Minutes from September 30th were approved as written.

**New Business:** State Council-Livestock Grower & Sportsperson Applicants: Lenny Klinglesmith-Lenny gave a brief summary of his history and credentials; expressed that he might be interested in the Livestock Grower vacancy on the State Council. The committee was supportive but after some discussion Lenny ultimately decided it would probably be best if he only applied for the wolf stakeholders group instead.

WRHPP Combined Herbicide Vouchers-Increase/Landowner List: Bailey explained the request for an increase, he also asked if anyone had any questions about the landowner list. The committee approved an additional \$1450.00 for the project, bringing the total funding to \$24,950.00.

Warm Springs Fencing: Sally described the two springs and expressed concern of erosion along river. The goal would be to maintain integrity for wildlife access by using temporary hot fencing to keep out cattle. The committee approved \$2200.00 for the project.

Berthelson Ranch Spraying & Planting: The Berthelson Ranch experiences spring elk concentration. The proposed project would include spraying the alfalfa in an effort to reduce the number of elk on the property. The committee asked if there were any alternatives to killing alfalfa. Bailey and Wiley talked about the ways they'd tried to mitigate damage in the past. The committee approved \$2500.00 for the project.

**Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion:** Select Next Meeting Date: TBD-The next regular meeting will likely be in late March or early April. Future Agenda Items: TBD.

**Roundtable:** Pat pointed out that the CPW Director, in consultation with the Commission, will approve the wolf stakeholder group.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:55pm.