



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES
Zoom Video Conference
March 3, 2021
1:00pm

Introductions: **Members attending the meeting were:** AAWM Darren Chacon/CPW, Hilary Boyd/BLM, Pat Luark/Livestock Grower, Rick Bumgardner/Sportsperson, Phil Nyland/USFS and Admin. Samantha Sorensen/CPW. **Guests attending the meeting were:** DWM Brian Gray, John Hilderbrant, AWM Kirk Oldham, Brian Lieberman, DWM Peter Boyatt, Aric Schwan, Pat Tucker HPP Coordinator, and Craig Wescoatt.

General Public Comments: None.

Budget Report: Samantha provided committee members with a current budget report.

Old Business: Draft minutes from Jan. 13 and Feb. 17 were presented and approved as written.

New Business: USFS Toner Creek Habitat Improvement Mastication: Phil and Peter presented the project proposal. Small mastication four miles NE of Basalt. Long term benefit for big game, located within elk and deer winter range. Prescribed fire scheduled to take place in March 2022. Phil stated that mechanical match a possible contingency plan in the event Rx fire doesn't happen, however cultural already done for burn. Phil Nyland abstained from voting. The committee approved \$24,400.00 out of FY2022 budget.

BLM South Cliffs Treatment Maintenance: Not enough members were present for a quorum since Hilary and Pat needed to recuse themselves. Kristy gave a brief overview but the proposal will be voted on at a later meeting.

Puma Paw Ranch Brush Mitigation: John informed the committee that the request changed slightly since the application was submitted; seeding cost added. Cost of seed will be paid for by the ranch. Plan is to open up country that has really old sage; leave a mosaic of oak brush and willow. Seasonal goat grazing is planned. Hoping for some sage regeneration. The committee approved a 50/50 cost share up to \$11,770.00.

Abrams Creek Winter Habitat Improvements: Brian proposed the removal of an old fence on a piece of property purchased by the Town of Eagle. The old fence will not be replaced. Open space doesn't allow for grazing, or hunting. There is access to BLM through the open space. The TOE willing to work with CPW on seasonal closure dates. The committee approved \$5,000.00.

A number of committee members lost power therefore the meeting was put on hold from approximately 3:00-3:08pm.

Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion: NRCS CIG Grant Letter of Support: Hilary shared with the committee that funding for 4 Vence towers was received and another request is pending. The hope is to install 6 towers in the spring. The NRCS is working on a CIG grant to study the technology and its effectiveness. She asked if the committee would be open to supplying a letter of support, she'd be willing to draft something up. Darren and Pat Tucker cautioned against including a dollar amount without a proper proposal but the letter could state that HPP would consider a proposal. Pat Tucker also pointed out that other committees have already contributed to other virtual fence so HPP's interest/support is already out there.

Committee Attendance: Darren reminded committee members to RSVP for meetings even if it's to say they cannot attend. Proxy votes can be given to another committee member, not Sam. He's not opposed to changing meeting time either.

Select Next Meeting Date: Another meeting was scheduled for March 24th. Future Agenda Items: BLM South Cliffs Treatment Maintenance, and NRCS CIG Grant Letter of Support continued.

Roundtable: None.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 3:33pm.