



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

Zoom Video Conference

March 10, 2021

1:00 pm

Introductions: **Members present were:** Doug Bruchez/Livestock Grower, Conway Farrell/Sportsperson, Seth Jennings/USFS, Tiffany Rubalcaba/BLM, Chuck Alexander/Livestock Grower, Dave Hammer/Livestock Grower, and Admin. Samantha Sorensen.

Guests present were: AWM Jeromy Huntington, DWM Gene Abram, DWM Serena Rocksund, Allison Hearne, Katherine Dines, HPP Coordinator Pat Tucker, Katlin Miller, DWM Zach Swennes, Lyle Sidener, Jesse Hamlin, Elissa Slezak, Amy Sidener, Mark Volt, & Stephen Jaouen.

General Public Comments: None.

Budget Report: Samantha provided committee members with a current budget report and stated that \$27,707.09 was still available. She also went over fiscal year deadlines.

Old Business: Approval of Minutes: The draft minutes from December 9th were presented and approved as written.

Committee Appreciation Award: Jeromy presented Lyle Sidener with a plaque and thanked him for his time and service while on the Middle Park HPP committee. Lyle expressed his thanks and said he was thrilled to work with landowners and be part of such a great program.

HPP Involvement with Fire Recovery: Katlin and Mark sought some clarification from the committee as to how the reseeding effort should be conducted. The committee explained that landowners with an agricultural assessment should go through Mark Volt to request HPP seed.

New Business: Never Summer Ranch Noxious Weeds: The committee approved \$2,000.00 for the project. The committee would also like to hold another special meeting soon to consider the proposal from Bev Tillotson.

Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion: Hunt Coordinators-Haden and Tyson: Samantha explained she'd been in communication with Ted Zagone, he'd mentioned both Haden and Tyson might be interested in coordinating future youth hunts. The committee would like to have a chance to speak with both Haden and Tyson at the June meeting; good to set expectations and possibly revamp the program a little.

Herbicide Vouchers: Samantha went over numbers from last year. The committee decided to approve \$12,000.00 for herbicide vouchers this year.

June 9th Agenda Items: Hunt Coordinators, Backcountry Weeds, and possibly a tire tank proposal. Also Chuck would like for Bryan Lamont to go over population estimates again.

Roundtable: Doug: mentioned the press release regarding wolf reintroduction committees.

Pat: At this point in time HPP will not be involved with wolf issues, it's not part of the program's objectives. Members are not restricted from joining wolf committees, but HPP will not provide a letter of support.

Chuck: questions pertaining to distribution hunts.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:55pm.