



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

Lower Colorado River HPP Committee Zoom Video Conference October 12, 2021 1:00 pm

Lower Colorado HPP Members Present: Darren Chacon- CPW, Scot Dodero- Livestock Grower, Jim Nieslanik- Livestock Grower, Rick Bumgardner- Sportsperson, Hilary Boyd- BLM, Phil Nyland- USFS (proxy)

Guests: Matt Yamashita- CPW, Peter Boyatt- CPW, Thad Nieslanik

Introductions: Committee members and guests were introduced.

Budget Report: The remaining budget at the start of the meeting was \$144,750.60.

New Business:

1. Nieslanik Spring Improvement- Thad Nieslanik presented a spring improvement project on USFS. The existing spring does not serve a functioning water source and has become a mud hole. The lack of an adequate water source creates livestock and wildlife conflict for available water sources in the area. The project objective is to dig the pipe deeper to allow for adequate spring water collection to fill the tank. This improvement will provide an additional water source that will allow for better distribution of both livestock and wildlife on the range. The committee requested fencing be placed around the spring to prevent livestock and wildlife encroachment on the improved spring. Jim Nieslanik abstained from the approval decision. The project was approved for up to \$1,500.00.

Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion:

1. Matt Yamashita presented the draft B11 Black Bear Population Management Plan to the committee.

Roundtable: The committee discussed potential projects for upcoming meetings including more water projects and a potential interest in liquid fence options. Additionally, the committee discussed the importance of seeding after HPP funded pond cleanouts.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:40 pm.