



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

April 11, 2022

5:00 pm

CPW Office- Fort Collins

Committee Members Present:

- Justin Foster, CPW
- Lars Larson, Livestock Growers
- Conrad Swanson, Livestock Growers
- Dale Oberlag, USFS
- Raechel Nelson, Livestock Growers
- Joe Straley, Sportsman

Guests: Seth Schwolert, Travis Rollins, Zach Thode

Budget Report

The budget at the start of the meeting was \$18,754.

New Business

Roberts Cattle Company Water Development

Zach Thode presented a spring development project to capture water from an existing spring on the ranch. The project would pipe water from the spring to 2 new water tanks and allow for additional storage. The spring currently serves as year round water access for livestock and wildlife in the area. The proposed spring development would allow the producer to enhance rotational grazing practices across the ranch that would improve available forage and create additional water sources for both livestock and wildlife. **The project was approved for up to \$4,925.**

Cherokee State Wildlife Area

Seth Schwolert presented a fence project to replace approximately 2 miles of dilapidated fence on the Lone Pine Unit of the Cherokee State Wildlife Area (SWA). The SWA serves as elk winter range and an elk calving area as shown through elk collar data. Through the implementation of wildlife friendly fence, wildlife entanglements can be minimized during migration, better rotational grazing can be achieved, and big game winter range can be better preserved to potentially hold more wildlife on public lands. Justin abstained from the approval decision. **The project was approved for up to \$20,000 from State Council funds and 8 rolls of white vinyl wire from committee inventory.**

Remaining Committee Business

Next Meeting- The committee tentatively selected June 17, 2022 to tour completed projects in the Livermore area.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:25 pm.