



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

Northwest Colorado HPP Committee

Craig Chamber of Commerce - 775 Yampa Ave Craig, CO

April 8, 2022

6:00 pm

Northwest Colorado HPP Members Present: Evan Jones- CPW, Sean Durham- Livestock Grower, Chad Green- Livestock Grower, Gary Visintainer- Livestock Grower, Gary Nichols- Sportsperson, Toni Toelle- BLM

Guests: Frank Self, Bill Self, Kyle Gray, Allan Reishus

Introductions: Committee members and guests were introduced.

Budget Report: The budget was fully encumbered at the August 16th meeting. All additional budget encumbrances for FY22, through June 30, 2022, will be funded with approval from Michael Blanck, HPP Manager. All projects presented at the meeting were preapprovals for the next fiscal year, FY23.

Old Business: The minutes from the March 8th meeting were approved as written.

New Business:

1. Spring Gulch Ranch Water Development Phase II- Bill Self and Frank Self returned to the committee to present the second phase of the Spring Gulch Water Development project set to begin in July 2022. The committee had funded the first portion of the water development project. This project would be a continuation that would implement additional pipe from existing storage tanks to 3 additional tanks. The project proposal was updated since the March 8th meeting to address the committee's questions and also reflected the increased project costs. With the additional information and cost share, the committee was in support of funding the project to implement additional water access for wildlife in very dry areas within the committee area. The project was approved for up to \$23,000 for FY23.
2. Motherwell Ranch Fence- Kyle Gray presented a fence project to implement approximately 4.39 miles of high visibility white vinyl top wire on existing fence lines. The ranch is located in great deer and elk habitat and experiences extensive wildlife fence damage. Some sections of the fence are made up of woven wire which poses entanglement risks to wildlife. The project will implement new wildlife friendly fence on the ranch to contain livestock and reduce wildlife damage and entanglements. The project was approved for up to \$5,000 for FY23.
3. Adams Ranch Water Improvement- Allan Reishus presented a project to deepen two existing ponds used by wildlife and livestock. The ponds sit at the edge of an aspen clearing and have experienced significant elk use. In recent years, the ponds have been filled by sediment and do not hold much water. The project aims to use equipment to

remove the sediment and debris and deepen the ponds by several feet. This will provide water access in two locations on the ranch to be used by livestock and wildlife in the area. The project was approved for up to \$4,000 for FY23.

Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion:

1. Upcoming Site Visit- The committee discussed potentially scheduling site visits of previously funded projects during the week of June 20th.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:30 pm.