



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

August 8, 2022

6:00 PM

Carnegie Library - Monte Vista

Committee Members Present:

- Brent Woodward, *CPW Representative*
- Mark Bechaver, *Livestock Growers Representative*
- Carol Lee Dugan, *Livestock Growers Representative*
- Richard Davie, *Livestock Growers Representative*
- Dale Gomez, *Sportsperson Representative*
- Eduardo Duran, *BLM Representative*
- Kevin Duda, *USFS Representative*
- Suzanne Beauchaine, *USFWS Representative*

Administrative Assistant: Kimberly Berscheid

Budget Report

The 2022 and 2023 budget reports were reviewed.

New Business

Davie Well Project

Rick Davie asked the committee for \$8,000 to pay for ½ the cost of drilling, solar pump/panels, panel rack, panel mast and 1 10ft tire tank to install a water development on the Davie Ranch. Rick paid for half of the project and additional in-kind. He is responsible for the maintenance and any other fees that may occur. The project was approved in FY 22 and was originally thought to be a dry well. After finding that water was flowing he came back to the committee to request the additional funding that was not utilized in the previous fiscal year. The well will provide a much needed water source for wildlife, improve grazing distribution and potentially reduce vehicle collisions on the neighboring highway. The tank will be monitored for usage.

The committee approved up to \$8,000 to pay for ½ the costs of installing a water development on the Davie Ranch. Rick Davie abstained from voting on this project.

English Valley Well Repairs

The committee allocates money to the English Valley Well Repairs annually. The amount being proposed for FY 2023 is \$1,600 to cover any repair or replacement of components on the water development. The well has been very successful in keeping wildlife on public lands and reducing landowner conflict, it is imperative that it is functioning properly.

The committee approved up to \$1,600 to pay for any repairs or replacement of components on the English Valley Well Project.

Antelope Census

The committee allocates money for the Antelope Census annually. The amount being proposed for FY 2023 is \$3,000, paid at an hourly rate of \$20.00 as well as mileage at the current allowable rate.

This research provides research on projects and helps to determine if they are beneficial to reduce conflict in the area. Additionally, it aids in identifying potential conflicts.

The committee approved up to \$3,000 to pay for labor and mileage to conduct the Antelope Census.

2023 Meals and Operating Expenses

The committee agreed to allocate \$500 for FY 2023 towards working meeting meal expenses. They also agreed to approve up to \$200 for operating expenses to include committee recognition awards when needed.

FY 2023 Voucher Program Renewal

Fence Reimbursements

The committee voted to approve \$5,000 to be allocated to small fence repair projects in FY 2023. Landowners can discuss this with their DWM, and the DWM will bring the request to Brent Woodward. Brent can approve vouchers up to \$500, anything above \$500 needs to go to the committee for approval.

Materials Pick-Up

The committee voted to approve the materials vouchers for FY 2023. Landowners are allowed 4 rolls per year, plus 2 bags of fence clips per roll. Brent Woodward will issue the vouchers. Any requests above 4 rolls needs to go to the committee.

FY 2023 Materials Order

The committee voted to approve a materials order for up to \$5,000 to purchase items for the stockpile. Materials to include white wire supplies, installation tools (for loan to landowners), tire tanks and escape ramps to be purchased as needed.

Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion

The committee discussed that they are willing to contribute to the Dispersal Coordinator that Mount Blanca HPP Committee is funding if needed. Brent will keep everyone updated.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35p

Next Meeting: October 25, 2022

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