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Pending Committee Approval at the next South Park HPP Committee Meeting.



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES August 18, 2022 Fairplay Community Center

Committee members present:

- John Woodward, Livestock grower
- Tyler Stoltzfus, CPW
- Webb Smith, Livestock grower
- Randy Tingle, Sports person
- Christine Cloninger, BLM
- Steve Allard, Livestock grower
- Sheila Lamb, USFS

Administrator: Kimberly Berscheid, Administrative Assistant

Meeting called to order by Steve Allard at 10:10 AM

Budget Report

The budget report was reviewed.

New Business

2023 Voucher Program Renewals:

Fence Reimbursement/Materials Pick-up

The South Park HPP committee would like to continue the landowner voucher program to supply fencing materials to landowners for small fence repair projects. DWMs will hand out vouchers to eligible landowners, and landowners have the option of being reimbursed for purchases or picking up materials from the SPHPP stockpile.

The committee would like to increase the voucher limit to \$500 for the 2023 FY. The fencing supply and reimbursement voucher program will be renewed for FY 2023 with a total budget of \$14,500 with the following rules:

- Landowners must allow some hunting access.
- Vouchers are good for either \$500 reimbursement or \$500 in materials from the stockpile. One roll of white wire from the stockpile can be added per year and will not count against the voucher total.
- Vouchers must be filled out for any landowner taking materials. Material vouchers can be signed by a committee member or a DWM.

- Landowners must have a minimum of 160 acres. Any exceptions must be approved by the committee at a noticed meeting.
- Landowners are allowed 3 rolls of high visibility wire if they aren't getting other fence materials.

\$2,500 will be allocated to reimbursements, and \$12,000 will be allocated to the purchase of fence materials to replenish the stockpile as needed.

Herbicide

The South Park HPP committee would like to continue the voucher program to reimburse landowners for herbicide purchases.

The herbicide voucher program will be renewed for FY 2023 with a total budget of \$5,000 with the following rules:

- Landowners can be reimbursed for herbicide purchases up to \$500.
- Herbicide vouchers can be given out to eligible landowners after being signed by a DWM or a committee member.
- Landowners must have a minimum of 160 acres. Any exceptions must be approved by the committee at a noticed meeting.
- Reimbursements are for herbicide only (no dyes, no application costs).

2023 Meeting Meals/Operating Expenses

The committee voted to allocate \$500 for working meeting meals and \$500 for committee operating expenses, including committee member recognition.

Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion

There was additional discussion surrounding the voucher guidelines regarding landowner match and limit per gun charge for hunting. Ultimately, the committee agreed to leave the voucher guidelines the same and to use some leeway with project applications in the future.

Tyler requested that insulators for high visibility wire and a spinning jenny tool be ordered for the stockpile. The tool can be lent out to landowners to install the white wire. Kimberly will place a materials order for the stockpile.

The committee also discussed placing an ad in the local newspaper in an effort to solicit projects.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM

Next meeting: TBD

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