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Pending Committee Approval at
next Mount Blanca HPP
Committee Meeting.



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

December 9, 2022

Colorado Parks and Wildlife - Monte Vista

Committee members Present:

- Vacant, *USFWS Representative*
- Alvin Kunugi, *Livestock Growers Representative*
- Roy Oliver, *Livestock Growers Representative*
- Shane Lancaster, *Livestock Growers Representative*
- Mike Maldonado, *Sportsperson Representative*
- Scott Nilson, *BLM Representative CALL IN*
- Brian Bechaver, *CPW Representative*

Administrators: Kimberly Berscheid

Guests: Conrad Albert - DWM, Tyler Cerny - DWM, Leon Martinez - DWM, Kelly Smith - Landowner, Anna Greenberg - Bird Conservancy of the Rockies, MaryAnne Martinez - Landowner, Alonzo Lobato - Landowner, Andrea Martinez - Landowner, Franklin Kuhn - Landowner, Dan Quintana - Landowner.

Budget Report

The budget report was reviewed.

Old Business

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

New Business

ABL Ranch Fence - Conrad Albert

Conrad is asking the committee for \$3,918.25 for materials obtained from the Game Damage Unit to replace 1.5 miles of fence on ABL Ranch. The existing fence has sustained considerable damage from big game crossing and is no longer repairable. The new fence will be constructed using wildlife-friendly specifications to reduce damage and entanglement hazards.

The committee approved the project for \$3,918.25 for materials obtained from the Game Damage Unit. *Due to fluctuating material costs the project total may increase based on current prices.* Admin update - Project Ending Total \$4,971.23.

Jaroso Creek Ranch #2 Fence - Conrad Albert

Conrad is asking the committee for \$3,739.77 for materials obtained from the Game Damage Unit to replace 1.42 miles of fence on Jaroso Creek Ranch. The existing fence has sustained considerable damage from big game crossing and is no longer repairable. The new fence will be constructed using wildlife-friendly specifications to reduce damage and entanglement hazards.

The committee approved the project for \$3,739.77 for materials obtained from the Game Damage Unit. *Due to fluctuating material costs the project total may increase based on current prices.* Admin update - Project Total \$4,729.15.

Jose Lobato Fence - Conrad Albert

Conrad is asking the committee for \$955.70 for materials obtained from the Game Damage Unit and 2 rolls of high-visibility white wire to replace 1800 ft. of fencing on Jose Ranch. The existing fence has sustained considerable damage from big game crossing and is no longer repairable. The new fence will be constructed using wildlife-friendly specifications to reduce damage and entanglement hazards.

The committee approved the project for \$955.70 for materials obtained from the Game Damage Unit. *Due to fluctuating material costs the project total may increase based on current prices.* Admin update - Project Total \$1,209.20.

Maryanne Martinez Fence - Conrad Albert

Conrad is asking the committee for \$3,647.65 for materials obtained from the Game Damage Unit to replace 1.3 miles of fence on Maryanne's property. The existing fence has sustained considerable damage from big game crossing and is no longer repairable. The new fence will be constructed using wildlife-friendly specifications to reduce damage and entanglement hazards.

The committee approved the project for \$3,647.65 for materials obtained from the Game Damage Unit. *Due to fluctuating material costs the project total may increase based on current prices.* Admin update - Project Total \$4,231.37.

Natural Prairie Organic Forage Lease - Conrad Albert

Conrad is asking the committee for \$30,000 for a forage lease on the property formerly known as the Columbian Ranch. Elk have historically utilized this property for forage and the lease would insure that 18 crop circles are left ungrazed by livestock providing critical winter forage. The lease would reduce game damage and conflicts on neighboring private lands. The terms of the agreement would be as follows: The initial payment of \$20,000 secures the designated crop circles for wildlife usage and will not be grazed by livestock. The second payment of \$10,000 will be released by 04/15/2023 if 250-300 elk utilize the property for 30 days or more. The utilization of the property will be determined by Colorado Parks and Wildlife in conjunction with Natural Prairie's local farm manager.

The committee approved the project for a total of \$30,000 with the following agreement: The initial payment of \$20,000 secures the designated crop circles for wildlife usage and will not be grazed by livestock. The second payment of \$10,000 will be released by 04/15/2023 if 250-300 elk utilize the property for 30 days or more. The utilization of the property will be determined by Colorado Parks and Wildlife in conjunction with Natural Prairie's local farm manager.

Smith Fence Project - Kelly Smith and Anna Greenberg

Kelly and Anna are asking the committee for \$915.00 to construct 0.25 miles of wildlife-friendly fence around a pond on his property. The existing fence has limited access for wildlife and presents entanglement hazards due to the woven wire. Expanding the perimeter will reduce crowding and conflict issues.

The project was approved for \$915.00 for fencing materials.

Next Meeting: TBD

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