



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

White River HPP Committee Meeting
December 8, 2022 at 5:30 pm
CPW Office- Meeker, CO

Committee Members Present:

- Bailey Franklin - CPW
- Lenny Klingsmith - Livestock Grower
- Angelo Theos - Livestock Grower
- Jim Brennan (proxy)- Livestock Grower
- Rich Parr - Sportsperson
- Mary Taylor - BLM
- Curtis Keetch - USFS

Attendees Present:

Cory Bullen- CPW
Victoria Gallegos- CPW
Joe Merriam- Applicant
Kathy Gingery- Applicant
Matt Ward- Applicant
Shawn Bolton- Applicant
Forrest Dabb- Applicant
Kelly Sheridan- Applicant

Administrative Assistant Present:

Marian Cole

Introductions

Committee members and attendees were introduced.

Budget Report

The budget was fully encumbered at the July 25th meeting. All additional budget encumbrances for through June 30, 2023 (FY23), will be funded with approval from Michael Blanck, HPP Manager.

Old Business

Minutes- The minutes from the July 25th and July 29th meetings were approved as written.

Merriam Habitat Improvement- Joe Merriam and Kathy Gingery requested an increase to their project funding that was approved at the July 25th meeting as their project costs came in higher than originally anticipated. After further discussion and cost breakdowns, the committee did not increase the project funding.

New Business

Ward Water Improvement- Matt Ward presented a water improvement project to implement a water line system from an existing well to three new water tanks. The property maintains one well and a water tank and the only additional water sources are on adjacent BLM parcels. The committee confirmed that the water line would not cross onto BLM land. The project was approved for up to \$27,375.00.

*Administrative Note- \$27,375.00 of project funding approved by the HPP Manager.

R Lazy J Ranch Water Development Phase II- Shawn Bolton presented the second phase of a large water development project. The committee had funded a portion of the first phase of the project last fiscal year. The second phase would implement more poly line to existing tanks and one new tank. The project was approved for up to \$22,136.40.

*Administrative Note- \$22,136.40 of project funding approved by the HPP Manager.

Dabb Canyon Ranch Springs Development- Forrest Dabb presented a spring development project to develop two existing springs. The project was funded in part by the NRCS. The committee noted the higher request as compared to other project cooperators and shared they would like to fund no more than 1/3 of the project costs. The project was approved for up to \$7,000.00.

*Administrative Note- \$7,000.00 of project funding approved by the HPP Manager.

CPW Oak Ridge SWA Fence- Cory Bullen presented a fence project to replace approximately 3.5 miles of fence with wildlife friendly fence. The fence line borders Kelly Sheridan's property as well as a small portion of BLM. The existing fence is dilapidated woven wire that poses an entanglement hazard for wildlife and does not serve as an adequate boundary fence. The project was approved for \$40,000.00 from the State Council SWA Fund.

Remaining Committee Business

Deer Herd Management Plan- Darby Finley presented the draft deer Herd Management Plan for the D-7 White River Mule Deer Herd. The committee was in support of the proposed draft alternatives regarding population range and sex ratio objectives for D-7. The committee requested that CPW apply adaptive management practices and update the plan as needed to sustain deer populations. A comment letter was drafted to reflect the committee's comments and support.

FY23 Herbicide Voucher Program- The committee approved increasing the herbicide voucher program by \$8,000.00 for a total budget allocation of \$32,000.00.

*Administrative Note- \$8,000.00 of program funding approved by the HPP Manager.

Roundtable

Biannual Meeting- The committee discussed the upcoming statewide HPP meeting.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:55 pm.