



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

North Park HPP Committee

Zoom Video Conference

February 18, 2022

1:00 pm

North Park HPP Members Present: Jacob Way- CPW, Jim Baller- Livestock Grower, Todd Peterson- Sportsperson, Tiffany Rubalcaba- BLM

Guests: Michael Blanck- CPW, Dani Neumann- CPW, Danielle Johnston- CPW, Eric VanNatta- CPW, Steve Zaroni- USFS

Introductions: Committee members and guests were introduced.

General Public Comments: Dani Neumann presented the Seed Mix Tool to gain local committee support before approaching the State Council for funding. A statewide team of CPW employees developed a tool that considers a list of site-specific criteria to produce CPW-approved seed mixes and reverse check seed mixes to flag any undesirable seed. This tool would be a professionally-developed app available in the Apple and Google stores, for free, to any users working in land reclamation. The committee provided feedback and asked questions relevant to Jackson County. The committee was in support of the project.

Budget Report: The remaining budget at the start of the meeting was \$60,039.13.

Old Business: The minutes from the September 21st meeting were approved as written.

Committee Business/Other Discussion:

1. Jackson County Star Newspaper Advertisement- The committee approved the advertisement template used last year to call for fence and stackyard applications in advance of the North Park Stockgrowers meeting. The committee selected an application deadline of March 22nd. The committee approved an advertisement of approximately 10 column inches and the associated amount.
2. Committee Member Vacancies- The committee discussed the vacancies of the USFS and USFWS positions. Both agencies have new personal that may be interested in the positions and the committee is hopeful in filling both.
3. Upcoming Meeting- The following tentative meeting date and location was selected: April 5th - River Rock Cafe, Walden

Roundtable: Jacob provided a wildlife update. Tiffany provided an update on grazing permit renewals. Michael provided information on the status of HB 22-1072.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:45 pm.