



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

Lower Colorado River HPP Committee
CPW Office- 0088 Wildlife Way Glenwood Springs, CO
May 10, 2022
1:00 pm

Lower Colorado HPP Members Present: Darren Chacon- CPW, Scot Doderer- Livestock Grower, Pat Luark- Livestock Grower, Rick Bumgardner- Sportsman, Phil Nyland- USFS

Guests: Michael Blanck- CPW, Matt Yamashita- CPW, Brian Wodrich- CPW, Stephanie Pitt- NRCS, Michael Lederhause

Introductions: Committee members and guests were introduced.

Budget Report: The remaining budget at the start of the meeting was \$4,333.85.

Old Business: The minutes from the April 6th meeting were approved as written.

New Business:

1. Red Point Ranch Seeding- Michael Lederhause presented a seeding project to offset game damage due to forage consumption of growing crops by deer. A field of planted sainfoin had been grazed down by deer in the area and was now overtaken by cheat grass. The project aimed to treat the cheat grass infestation and then apply seed to restore the pasture's hay crop. The committee expressed the damage would likely continue with the reseeding. The committee recommended working with the county to implement the proper herbicide combination to effectively treat and eliminate the cheat grass. The committee noted the increased cost in herbicide. The project was approved for up to \$5,000.00.

*Administrative note- The committee encumbered all available funds with the approval of this project. The additional funds needed for this project were approved by the HPP Manager, Michael Blanck.

Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion:

1. Upcoming Meeting Dates- The committee tentatively selected the following meeting/tour date and location:
July 11th - Luark Ranch

Roundtable: Michael Blanck shared that virtual fence projects would be evaluated for funding potential at the next State Council meeting. The committee discussed options for potential matches for virtual fence projects.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:20 pm.