



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

Middle Park HPP Committee

CPW Office - 346 County Road 362 Hot Sulphur Springs, CO

May 18, 2022

1:00 pm

Middle Park HPP Members Present: Jeromy Huntington- CPW, Chuck Alexander- Livestock Grower, Doug Bruchez- Livestock Grower, Dave Hammer- Livestock Grower, Conway Farrell- Sportsman, Seth Jennings - USFS

Guests: Jennifer Baker, John Longholl, Greg Hartstock, Cedric Damby

Introductions: Committee members and guests were introduced.

Budget Report: The budget at the start of the meeting was \$62,850.00.

Old Business: The minutes from the March 16th meeting were approved as written.

New Business:

1. SRD Backcountry Weed Control- Greg Hartstock provided a presentation with photos and data on the completion of last year's weed control project. The project has completed 20 years of weed control work with the assistance of MPHPP. Additionally, Greg presented the continued project for the next fiscal year. The project was approved for \$7,000 for FY23.
2. Baker Ranch Hay- Jennifer Baker presented a request for hay reimbursement to offset game damage costs due to elk consumption through the winter months. Jennifer provided photos of the elk consuming hay, two elk in particular that stayed on the property for many months. The project was approved for up to \$400 in hay reimbursement.
3. Volt Ranch Weed Control- Mark Volt presented a weed control project for his property that did not meet the Herbicide Voucher acreage requirements. The project was approved for up to \$250.
4. Blue River Horse Center Weed Control- John Longhill presented a weed control project for a property that did not meet the Herbicide Voucher acreage requirements. The project was approved for up to \$500.
5. Bruchez and Sons Hay- Doug Bruchez presented a request for hay reimbursement to offset game damage costs due to elk consumption through the winter months. Doug provided photos of the large herd of elk that fed daily with their horses and cattle. Even after several damage hunts and continued mitigation efforts with CPW, the elk remained on the property and consumed several tons of hay. Doug abstained from the approval decision. The project was approved for up to \$8,000 in hay reimbursement.

Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion:

1. Meeting Schedule- The committee tentatively approved the following meeting and site visit dates and associated locations:

July 5, 2022 - BLM

July 22, 2022 - Pinto Valley Ranch

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:50 pm.