

HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

Upper Yampa River HPP Committee CPW Office- 925 Weiss Drive Steamboat Springs, CO November 7, 2022 5:30 pm

<u>Upper Yampa River HPP Members Present:</u> Jeff Clyncke- Livestock Grower, Larry Monger-Livestock Grower, Cedric Damby- Sportsperson, Eric Scherff- BLM, Baili Foster- USFS, Kyle Bond-CPW (proxy)

Guests: Michael Blanck, Grady Eli, Martha Ventilla, Stephanie Anderson

Introductions: Committee members and guests were introduced.

Budget Report: The budget balance at the start of the meeting was \$32,592.07.

Old Business: The minutes from the September 19th meeting were approved as written.

New Business:

- 1. USFS Routt Virtual Fence- Baili Foster presented a virtual fence project for the Routt National Forest. Baili provided an overview on how the Vence system works and the committee discussed virtual fence more in depth. In the project area, there are few existing fences which has inhibited livestock rotational grazing. The implementation of the virtual fence system and adaptive grazing management has the potential to improve wildlife habitat. The funding requested from HPP would fund the purchase of one tower and installation. Baili abstained from the approval decision. The project was approved for up to \$12,500.00.
- 2. Moonhill Highland Fence Phase III- Martha Ventilla presented the third phase of a fence project. HPP contributed funding for the first two phases of implementing wildlife friendly fence. This next phase would implement approximately 1.4 miles of new wildlife friendly fence in an area with year round elk populations that has experienced fence damage in the past. Martha stated the fourth phase would be completed by the homeowners. The project was approved for up to \$5,000.00.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:50 pm.