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Pending Committee Approval at
next Mount Blanca HPP
Committee Meeting.



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

October 7, 2022

Virtual/Conference Call

Committee members Present:

- Vacant, *USFWS Representative*
- Alvin Kunugi, *Livestock Growers Representative*
- Roy Oliver, *Livestock Growers Representative*
- Shane Lancaster, *Livestock Growers Representative*
- Mike Maldonado, *Sportsperson Representative*
- Scott Nilson, *BLM Representative CALL IN*
- Brian Bechaver, *CPW Representative*

Administrators: Kimberly Berscheid

Guests: Conrad Albert - DWM.

Budget Report

The budget report was reviewed.

Old Business

The meeting minutes were approved.

New Business

Hunt Coordinators Kuhn & Espinosa

Conrad is proposing a continuation of the hunt coordinator project that the committee has funded annually. Andy Espinosa would continue to be the coordinator in north Costilla County and Franklin Kuhn in the south. Both coordinators have built relationships and established trust with landowners enabling them to effectively assist Colorado Parks and Wildlife with elk management in the area. The committee proposed increasing each project amount as follows: \$16,000 - Espinosa, \$11,000 Kuhn due to increased costs overall. This would be paid out at \$25 per hour plus the current approved mileage reimbursement rate for the State.

The committee approved the project for \$16,000 - Espinosa, and \$11,000 Kuhn paid out at \$25 per hour and .56 per mile (based on the approved mileage reimbursement rate for the State of Colorado). *Roy Oliver, Shane Lancaster, Scott Nilson, and Brian Bechaver reviewed the project and provided their support via proxy to the committee.*

Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion

Conrad discussed the possibility of a forage purchase on the former Columbian Ranch. The ranch has changed ownership since the last project proposal. Conrad and Brian have both been working with the new owners to develop an agreement to present to the committee. Conrad will update as this progresses.

Next Meeting: TBD