



## HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

September 15, 2022  
Conference/Video Call

Committee Members present:

- Cody Purcell, Colorado Parks and Wildlife Representative
- Terry Everhart, Livestock Grower
- Kenn Lutz, Livestock Grower
- Paul Coe, Sportsman
- John Stroh II, Livestock Grower
- Jeff Outhier, USFS
- Glenda Torres, BLM

Administrative Assistant:

- Kimberly Berscheid

Guests: Michael Blanck - CPW, HPP Program Manager, Sarah McClernan - BLM, Patty Knupp - NRCS

**Meeting called to order by John Stroh at 10:03 AM**

### **Budget Report**

The budget report was reviewed.

### **Old Business**

Sarah McClernan updated the committee on 2 projects; East Sheep Mountain and Turkey Gulch. Both went very well and have accomplished the objectives she had hoped for.

### **New Business**

#### **Project Application Proposals and Reviews**

##### Committee Discussion - Project Guidelines

The committee discussed project guidelines/objectives, specifically surrounding potential fencing projects. The objectives as follows; were reviewed and will continue to be a guideline for applications:

1. Does the fence alleviate conflict between the landowner and big game?
2. Does the fence improve habitat or the ability to manage habitat and big game?
3. Does the fence protect the interests of the landowner or reimburse the landowner for damage caused by big game?
4. Will building the fence improve hunting opportunities for sportsmen or cause more habitat to be available for hunting and game management?

Tom Grette - Project Layout & Supervision - Glenda Torres

Glenda is asking the committee for \$9,000 to pay Tom Grette for his services mapping and flagging sites, supervising work crews and seeding projects. CPW and BLM employees do not have a lot of time for mapping and flagging, so Tom's services are vital to the success of habitat projects in the area. CPW and BLM staff will contribute time for planning and implementation.

**The project was approved for \$9,000.**

**Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion**

Glenda Torres updated that the BLM is finishing up their fiscal year. She also mentioned that fuels mitigation prices are going up considerably and the committee should be prepared for higher project costs.

The committee also revisited the idea of hosting and educational seminar for the local landowners. It was decided that it will be addressed again in the spring.

**The meeting was adjourned at 11:17 AM**

**The next meeting will be held on: January 12, 2023 at Lathrop State Park.**

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