



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

North Fork HPP Committee Meeting
April 5, 2023 at 6:30 pm
Hotchkiss, CO

Committee Members Present:

- Andrew Taylor - CPW
- Ross Allen - Livestock Grower
- Steve Kossler - Livestock Grower
- Jess Campbell - Livestock Grower
- Adam Gall - Sportsman
- Ken Holsinger - BLM
- Kyler McCarrel - USFS

Attendees Present:

Calvin Campbell, Robbie LeValley,
TW Stites, Cody DeGuelle, Nick Hughes
Bill Mckee, Codi Inloes- Williams,
Kevin Bryan, Marian Cole,
Michael Blanck

Administrative Assistant Present:

Kale Watson

Introductions

Committee members and guests were introduced.

Budget Report

The budget balance at the start of the meeting was \$0.00.

Old Business

The minutes from the November 15th meeting were approved as written.

New Business

Lazy H Ranch Project- Andrew Taylor let the committee know that the Lazy H Ranch will be postponing their project and will return next fiscal year.

Stites and DeGuelle Project- TW Stites and Cody DeGuelle presented a 2 phase ditch pipeline project to the committee. The property is located in important big game habitat and experiences use by elk and deer. Phase 1 aims at restoring the Wakefield ditch to provide better water delivery to the property. The current ditch system has decayed to the point where it is experiencing 100% ditch loss prior to water reaching its destination. Phase 1 also includes the constriction of 4 new ponds. Phase 2 aims at providing more water resources for big game through the fall and winter. It will consist of constructing a pipeline to 2 new ponds and an existing pond on the property. The project will increase deer and elk distribution along Oak Mesa, increase forage and habitat, reduce migration in the close by highway corridor, and increase

agricultural production. The committee discussed seeking additional funding from different partners for the project and tabled it.

Pond Vouchers- The committee approved unencumbering \$4,000.00 of pond vouchers.

Fertilizer Vouchers- The committee reviewed and approved the annual fertilizer recipients for a project total of \$42,200.00.

*Administrative Note- \$500.00 of project funding approved by the HPP Manager.

Fence Vouchers- The committee approved increasing the fence voucher budget by \$1,500.00, bringing the project total to \$4,000.00.

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Remaining Committee Business

Game Damage- The committee had a discussion about Game Damage.

Fertilizer Voucher Applications- The committee discussed making changes to the fertilizer voucher program and agreed to require all interested applicants to submit an application.

Meeting Schedule- The next meeting is TBD.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 pm.