



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

Northwest Colorado HPP Committee Meeting
August 28, 2023 at 6:00 pm
Chamber of Commerce- Craig, CO

Committee Members Present:

- Evan Jones - CPW
- Sean Durham - Livestock Grower
- Chad Green - Livestock Grower
- Gary Visintainer - Livestock Grower
- Gary Nichols - Sportsperson
- Jill Carlson - BLM
- Curtis Keetch - USFS

Administrative Assistant Present:

Marian Cole

Attendees Present:

Johnathan Lambert- CPW
Jared Lamb-CPW
Seth Schwolert- CPW
Jeff Goncalves- CPW
Dani Neumann- CPW
Courtney Bennett- CCALT
Hugh Turner- Applicant
Jerry Cox- Applicant
Toni Toelle

Introductions

Committee members and attendees were introduced.

Budget Report

The budget was fully encumbered with preapprovals made in FY23. All additional budget encumbrances through June 30, 2024 (FY24), will be funded with approval from Michael Blanck, HPP Manager.

Old Business

Minutes- The minutes from the July 6th meeting were approved as written.

New Business

Diamond T Ranch Conservation Easement- Courtney Bennett presented a perpetual conservation easement of approximately 1,418 acres of a working ranch. The property is located in critical habitat and winter range for elk, deer, and pronghorn. The committee expressed concerns with hunting not being allowed on the property. It was clarified that the conservation easement language would not restrict hunting but it was at the discretion of the landowner. The committee requested additional information about why hunting was restricted at this time. The project was tabled.

Stackyard Materials- The committee was in support of funding t-posts for stackyards located in the severe winter range that were affected last winter through the State Council Stackyard Fund.

Nottingham Land & Livestock Stackyard- The committee approved materials to repair multiple existing stackyards from the State Council Stackyard Fund.

Gilmar Ranch Stackyard- The committee approved materials to repair an existing stackyard from the State Council Stackyard Fund.

Bear River Ranch Stackyard- The committee approved materials to repair an existing stackyard from the State Council Stackyard Fund.

Kawcak Ranch Stackyard- The committee approved materials to construct a 660 stackyard from the State Council Stackyard Fund. Landowner will select an alternative wire for the stackyard.

Camilletti Cattle Co. Stackyard- The committee approved materials to construct a 660 stackyard and materials to repair two existing stackyards from the State Council Stackyard Fund. Landowner will select an alternative wire for the stackyard.

Remaining Committee Business

CPW Colorado Seed Tool App- Dani Neumann presented an overview of the Colorado Seed Tool phone application.

Retirement Award- The committee presented Toni Toelle with a retirement award and thanked her for her years of service to the committee.

Upcoming Meeting- The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for September 21st.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:40 pm.