



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

Middle Park HPP Committee Meeting
December 13, 2023 at 1:00 pm
USFS- Granby, CO

Committee Members Present:

- Jeromy Huntington- CPW
- Chuck Alexander - Livestock Grower
- Doug Bruchez - Livestock Grower
- Dave Hammer - Livestock Grower
- Conway Farrell - Sportsman
- Anna Gubbins - BLM
- Amy Birtwistle - USFS
- Isabel de Silva - NPS

Attendees Present:

Gene Abram- CPW
Jesse Hamlin

Administrative Assistant Present:

Marian Cole

Introductions

Committee members and attendees were introduced. The committee welcoming Anna Gubbins as the new BLM representative.

Budget Report

The budget was fully encumbered at the July 24th meeting. 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 September 20th meeting were approved as written.

New Business

Middle Park Conservation District Seed- The committee reviewed the annual seed project that provides seed to local landowners within the Middle Park Conservation District and Middle Park HPP Committee area. The project was approved for up to \$7,500.00.

*Administrative Note- \$7,500.00 of project funding approved by the HPP Manager.

FY25 USFS Sulphur Ranger District Weed Control- Amy Birtwistle presented the annual project to target noxious weeds within the Sulphur Ranger District. The project has completed over 20 years of weed control work with the assistance of MPHPP. The

FY24 project accomplished treatment of approximately 442 acres with 333 gallons sprayed. Due to increasing material costs, the contractor is seeking additional funds to complete next year's project. The USFS plans to request additional funding from the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF) to provide the annual match. The project was preapproved for up to \$9,250.00 in FY25 contingent upon a RMEF match of \$9,250.00.

Remaining Committee Business

Meeting Schedule- The committee has tentatively scheduled the following meetings:

April 10, 2024, 1:00 pm - CPW

July 17, 2024, 8:30 am - BLM

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:20 pm.