

HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

Larimer County HPP Committee Meeting February 6, 2023 at 5:00 pm Fort Collins, CO

Committee Members Present:

□ Justin Foster - CPW

□ Lars Larson - Livestock Grower

□ Raechel Nelson - Livestock Grower

☐ Dale Oberlag - USFS

Administrative Assistant Present:

Kimberly Berscheid

Introductions

Committee members and guests were introduced.

Budget Report

The budget balance at the start of the meeting was \$20,500.

Old Business

The minutes from the October 12, 2022 meeting were approved as written.

New Business

Cherokee State Wildlife Area, Sheep Creek Water Development Project -

Brandon is asking the committee for \$25,000 to purchase 800 ft. of ADS pipe for an irrigation improvement project on the upper unit of the SWA. The existing ditch has significant water loss from the diversion and all along before it reaches the fields and meadows. The reduced water movement has caused habitat and forage loss on the property. Improving the ditch will provide forage and habitat for wildlife and reduce conflict on neighboring agriculture fields and reduce game damage issues.

After discussion, the committee approved \$12,500 for the project now and will re-evaluate granting the additional \$12,500 closer to the end of the fiscal year depending on the budget balance.

Attendees Present:

Travis Rollins - Larimer County Don Anderson - Landowner

Committee Voucher Discussion-

The committee discussed the current arrangement of vouchers and would like Kim to see if the Poudre Valley Coop would be willing to restart the voucher redemption program that has been done in the past. She will provide an update at the next meeting. No further updates were made on the Fertilizer or Herbicide Vouchers.

Remaining Committee Business

Meeting Schedule -

The next LCHPP meeting is scheduled for May 15, 2023, at 5:00 pm, CPW Office - Fort Collins.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:20 pm.