



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

Republican Rivers HPP Committee Meeting
February 2, 2023 at 6:00 pm
Yuma, CO

Committee Members Present:

- Josh Melby - CPW
- Chris Craig - Livestock Grower
- Clayt Cooper - Livestock Grower
- Don Fritzler - Livestock Grower
- Dustin Wise - Sportserson

Administrative Assistant Present:

Kimberly Berscheid

Attendees Present:

Michael Blanck - CPW
David Mason - CPW
Clint Norman - Landowner
Levi Kokes (phone) - CPW
Tanya Fell - YC Conservation District

Introductions

Guests and committee members were introduced.

Budget Report

The available balance at the beginning of the meeting was \$37,523.20.

Old Business

The meeting minutes from September 8, 2022, were approved as written.

New Business

Norman Water Project-

Clint Norman is asking the committee for \$9,097 for a solar pump and parts to install a water development on his property. The development will utilize an existing well and provide a critical resource for deer and other wildlife in the area. **The project was approved for \$9,097 to pay for a solar pump and materials for Fiscal Year 2023.**

Tamarack Ranch SWA Virtual Fence-

Levi Kokes is asking the committee for \$20,000 for 2 VENCE Towers to be placed on the Tamarack Ranch State Wildlife Area. The towers will allow for better grazing management, increased soil health, and improved habitat for wildlife. The virtual fence provides an additional management tool without adding permanent barriers and

entanglement risks for wildlife in the area. **The project was approved for \$20,000 to pay for 2 Vence Towers for Fiscal Year 2023.**

Red Lion SWA Seed Project-

David Mason is asking the committee for \$5,298.60 for seed mix to reestablish food plots on the Red Lion SWA. The food plots provide forage for big game and help to reduce game damage claims on neighboring agricultural lands. **The project was approved for \$5,300 to pay for the seed mix for Fiscal Year 2023.**

South Republican State Wildlife Area Grazing Project Water-

Tanya Fell is asking the committee for \$6,750 to pay for well services and 5 water tanks to be used during the grazing project on the South Republican State Wildlife Area. The well is located close to the designated grazing area and will be utilized during the project. **The project was approved for \$6,750 for well repair services and livestock water tanks for Fiscal Year 2023.**

Remaining Committee Business

No further committee business.

Roundtable

Josh Melby mentioned that the PH-4 DMP has been re-formatted, but none of the information in the plan has changed. A support letter from the committee will be needed soon.

Meeting Schedule

The next meeting is scheduled for March 6, 2023, at 6:00 pm, Bank of Colorado - 420 E. 8th Ave., Yuma, CO 80759.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:40 pm.