



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

State Council HPP Meeting
February 28, 2023 at 7:00 pm
Zoom Virtual Meeting

Committee Members Present:

- Brian Dreher - CPW
- Robbie LeValley - CSU Extension
- Ty Bevan - Livestock Grower
- Gary Visintainer - Livestock Grower
- Vacant - Ag Crop Producer
- Todd Peterson - Sportsperson
- Greg Jungman - Sportsperson
- Hunter Seim - BLM
- Sheila Lamb - USFS

Attendees Present:

- Michael Blanck - CPW
- Garrett Watson - CPW
- Marie Haskett - CPW Commissioner
- Bill deVergie - Area 6 Wildlife Mgr
- Mike Swaro - Area 6 AAWM
- Kim Berscheid - HPP Admin Assistant
- Marian Cole - HPP Admin Assistant
- Kale Watson - HPP Admin Assistant

Program Assistant Present:

Teri Polley

New Business

Area 6 Wildlife Conflicts and Winter Conditions Project - The state council met to receive an update from Bill deVergie, Wildlife Manager, Assistant Wildlife Manager Mike Swaro, from Area 6 about the Winter Conditions project. The council discussed the request to additionally support this project and approved \$150,000 plus \$50,000 for Michael's discretionary approval in mid-March or April.

State Council Agricultural Crop Producer vacancy discussion - The state council discussed the Agricultural Crop Producer vacancy that was held by John Hardwick in eastern Colorado. Although the council would prefer a qualified candidate representing the eastern part of the state, they agreed this was an opportunity to add diversity either from the large agricultural producers in the east or San Luis Valley. Also, it was decided the candidate would have an organizational tie to either the Farm Bureau, CCA, or the Wool Growers. Michael and Teri will begin the steps to open up the nomination to include reaching out to these organizations, the NRCS, and Ray Aberle, CPW Private Lands Program Manager.

Adjourn - The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 pm.