



## HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

San Juan Basin HPP Committee Meeting  
February 20, 2023 at 6:00 pm  
Virtual

### Committee Members Present:

- Ty Smith - CPW
- Phil Craig - Livestock Grower
- Dan Huntington - Livestock Grower
- Jesse Montoya - Livestock Grower
- George Malarsie - Sportsperson
- John Gardner - Sportsperson
- Mike Schmidt - BLM
- Anthony Garcia - USFS
- Aran Johnson - S. Ute Indian

### Attendees Present:

Steve McClung, Michael Blanck  
Marian Cole, Kimberly Berscheid

### Administrative Assistant Present:

Kale Watson

### Introductions

Committee members and guests were introduced.

### Budget Report

The budget balance at the start of the meeting was \$48,351.81

### Old Business

The minutes from August 29<sup>th</sup> were approved as written.

### New Business

Perins Peak SWA Fence Phase 1 & 2- Steve McClung presented a fence project for Perins Peak State Wildlife Area to the committee. The SWA serves as an important transition area and winter range for deer and elk. The forage on the SWA provides feed for big game year-round, most importantly during the winter months. The current fence is about 50 years old and in need of replacement. The SWA is currently experiencing trespassing issues with cattle from neighboring properties because the fence is no longer able to hold cattle out. The project involves two phases, first phase will involve constructing .9 miles of new wildlife-friendly fencing in FY23. The second phase involves constructing 1 mile of new wildlife-friendly fencing in FY24. The project was approved for \$37,760.00 in FY23 and \$44,750.00 in FY24 from State Council SWA funds.

### FY23 Fertilizer Vouchers-

The committee reviewed fertilizer voucher applications. There were 16 applicants for a total of 1,723.76 acres. **The committee approved \$21.00 per acre with a \$4,000.00 cap for a project cost of \$32,000.00**

### Remaining Committee Business

SUIT Elk Collar Presentation- Aran Johnson gave a presentation to the committee about the findings of collared elk on the Southern Ute Indian Tribal lands.

Meeting Schedule- The next meeting is scheduled for April 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at the South West Regional CPW Office.

\*Administrative note- The April 17<sup>th</sup> meeting was cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

### Roundtable

The committee had no other business to discuss.

### Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm.