

HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

South Park HPP Committee Meeting January 9, 2023 Fairplay, CO

Committee Members Present:

Tyler Stoltzfus - CPW
Steve Allard - Livestock Grower
Webb Smith - Livestock Grower
John Woodward - Livestock Grower
Rangy Tingle - Sportsperson
Christine Cloniger - BLM
Sheila Lamb - USFS
Administrative Assistant Present:

Attendees Present:

Rebecca Boyce - CPW Ian Petkash - CPW Rob Colwell - Landowner Patty Knupp - NRCS Thomas Gold - Landowner Christopher Yonker - Landowner Dawson Swanson - CPW

Introductions

Kimberly Berscheid

Committee members and guests were introduced.

Budget Report

The remaining budget at the start of the meeting was \$60,000.

Old Business

New Business

<u>Gold Nuggets River Ranch Water Project:</u> Thomas Gold and Christopher Yonker presented a water development project on the Gold Nuggets River Ranch. The well was drilled years ago and has never been utilized. They would like to install 200ft of pipe and stock tanks to provide a water source for big game animals and are asking for \$8,278.93 to cover the materials for the project. The landowners will provide the labor and machinery to complete the water development.

The committee did not approve the project due to a lack of hunting access, and minimum acreage requirements.

Echo Valley Fencing Project (re-approval): Robert Colwell presented the project in FY22 and it has been completed. He could not submit the paperwork before the fiscal deadline and is asking the committee to approve \$1,950 out of FY23 to reimburse him for the materials required to repair 2.23 miles of fencing. The committee approved the project for \$1,950 to reimburse Robert Colwell for fencing materials.

<u>PH30 HMP Renewal:</u> Rebecca Boyce presented the PH30 HMP renewal to the committee. She stated that the herd objectives will remain status quo from the last HMP and no additional changes have been made to the plan. She requested a letter of support from the committee. The committee approved the PH30 HMP renewal and a comment letter supporting the plan.

Remaining Committee Business

Roundtable

Sheila Lamb updated the committee on the Bi-annual Conference in Grand Junction. She also mentioned increasing the committees' community outreach and offered to draft a letter for the newspaper.

The committee discussed additional ideas for community outreach and will continue to think of further opportunities. It was also mentioned that the committee needs to review its project guidelines and requirements to ensure they are still effective and applicable.

<u>Adjourn</u>

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:10 am.