



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

Middle Park HPP Committee Meeting
July 24, 2023 at 8:30 am
BLM- Kremmling, CO

Committee Members Present:

- Jeromy Huntington- CPW
- Chuck Alexander - Livestock Grower
- Doug Bruchez - Livestock Grower
- Dave Hammer - Livestock Grower
- Conway Farrell - Sportsperson
- Vacant - BLM
- Amy Birtwistle - USFS
- Isabel de Silva - NPS

Attendees Present:

Michael Blanck- CPW
Zach Swennes- CPW
Hannah Reid- CPW
Anna Gubbins- BLM
Stephen Leonard- BLM
Amy Sidener- GCDNR
Philip Sevier- Applicant
Chris Sammons- Applicant

Administrative Assistant Present:

Marian Cole

Introductions

Committee members and attendees were introduced.

Budget Report

The remaining budget balance at the start of the meeting was \$11,500.00. Once the budget is fully encumbered, all additional budget encumbrances through June 30, 2024 (FY24), will be funded with approval from Michael Blanck, HPP Manager.

Old Business

Minutes- The minutes from the May 17th meeting were approved as written.

New Business

Ute Bill Weed Control- The committee reviewed a project for a weed treatment to target noxious weeds across approximately 315 acres through the use of a contractor. The project was approved for up to \$540.00.

Aspen Canyon Ranch Fence Phase II- Philip Sevier presented the second phase of a fence project that had been tabled at the December 2022 meeting. As the committee had requested, Philip presented photos, maps, and an itemized cost breakdown for the project. HPP had contributed funds to the first phase of the project. This second phase of the project would target a different stretch of fence to establish a wildlife friendly perimeter fence. Based on the map presented with the fence line drawn out,

the committee was not in favor of funding the corner section but was in support of funding the straight section of fence. The project was approved for 50% of costs of the straight section of fence up to \$9,500.00.

McElroy Ranch Exclusionary Fence- Chris Sammons presented an exclusionary fence project for two paddocks where cattle are fed in the winter. Through the winter, elk frequented the two paddocks where their bulls and replacement heifers were fed. To prevent future conflict, the ranch is interested in using old stackyard materials that were beyond the 30 year Game Damage commitment to implement the exclusionary fence. The project was approved for up to \$12,789.00.

*Administrative Note- \$11,329.00 of project funding approved by the HPP Manager.

Remaining Committee Business

FY24 Voucher Programs- The committee approved voucher programs for redemption at Northwest Ranch Supply with the following guidelines:

- a. Fence Vouchers- Approved for up to \$800 per voucher with a total allocation of \$36,000.00.
- b. Herbicide Vouchers- Approved for up to \$650 per voucher with a total allocation of \$14,000.00.

Applicant Attendance- The committee strongly encourages that project applicants attend meetings in person to present their projects.

Meeting Schedule- The committee tentatively approved the following meeting dates, times, and associated locations:

- September 20, 2023, 8:30 am - CPW
- December 13, 2023, 1:00 pm - USFS
- March 13, 2024, 1:00 pm - RMNP
- May 15, 2024, 8:30 am - CPW
- July 17, 2024, 8:30 am - BLM

Roundtable

The committee discussed winter elk conflict and the possibility for HPP assistance to reduce conflict.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:55 am.