



## HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

Northwest Colorado HPP Committee Meeting

July 6, 2023 at 6:00 pm

Chamber of Commerce- Craig, CO

### Committee Members Present:

- Evan Jones - CPW
- Sean Durham - Livestock Grower
- Chad Green - Livestock Grower
- Gary Visintainer - Livestock Grower
- Gary Nichols - Sportsman
- Jill Carlson - BLM
- Curtis Keetch - USFS

### Attendees Present:

Seth Schwolert- CPW  
Ian Duzik- Applicant

### Administrative Assistant Present:

Marian Cole

### Introductions

Committee members and attendees were introduced.

### Budget Report

The budget was fully encumbered with preapprovals made in FY23. 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 June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as written.

### New Business

Duzik Well Development Phase II- Ian Duzik presented an update on the well development project that was approved by the committee last fiscal year. Ian shared that one well was successfully drilled. For the second phase of the project, additional work was needed to remove fine sand from the well. Additionally, he would like to add two tire tanks. The committee shared they would like to see this project through. The project was approved for up to \$14,000.00.

\*Administrative Note- \$14,000.00 of project funding approved by the HPP Manager.

Stackyard Materials- The committee was in support of providing funding for alternative stackyard wire for interested landowners in the place of the Game

Damage provided stackyard wire. Landowners have the ability to choose their own wire option in which the exact amount of wire needed for their approved stackyard would be funded by the committee through the State Council Stackyard Fund.

Durham Livestock Stackyard- The committee approved materials to construct a 660 stackyard from the State Council Stackyard Fund. Landowner will select an alternative wire for the stackyard. Sean abstained from the approval decision.

Little Bear Ranch Stackyard- The committee approved materials to construct a 330 stackyard from the State Council Stackyard Fund. Landowner will select an alternative wire for the stackyard. Chad abstained from the approval decision.

### **Remaining Committee Business**

Distribution Management Hunts- Evan provided an overview of last year's distribution management hunts. The committee was in support of up to 200 hunts.

FY24 Voucher Programs- The fence and herbicide voucher programs previously issued vouchers in the spring with a deadline of June 15<sup>th</sup>. The committee would like to begin issuing vouchers in the fall with a deadline of March 31<sup>st</sup>.

a. Fence Vouchers- Approved for up to \$88,000.00 with the following tiers:

- 160-500 acres \$ 500.00
- 501-1000 acres \$ 750.00
- 1001+ acres \$ 1,000.00

b. Herbicide Vouchers- Approved for up to \$35,000.00 with the following tiers:

- >160 acres \$ 200.00
- <161 acres \$ 600.00

\*Administrative Note- \$9,330.79 of program funding approved by the HPP Manager.

Upcoming Meeting- The next meetings was tentatively scheduled for August 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:45 pm.