



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

Northwest Colorado HPP Committee Meeting

June 6, 2023 at 6:00 pm

Chamber of Commerce- Craig, CO

Committee Members Present:

- Evan Jones - CPW (proxy)
- Sean Durham - Livestock Grower
- Chad Green - Livestock Grower
- Gary Visintainer - Livestock
- Gary Nichols - Sportsperson
- Jill Carlson - BLM
- Curtis Keetch - USFS

Attendees Present:

Seth Schwolert- CPW
Jared Lamb- CPW
Glenn Rodewald- Applicant
Ryan Swartzell- Applicant

Administrative Assistant Present:

Marian Cole

Introductions

Committee members and attendees were introduced.

Budget Report

The budget was fully encumbered at the September 12th meeting and unencumbered funds were encumbered at the February 21st meeting. All additional budget encumbrances through June 30, 2023 (FY23), will be funded with approval from Michael Blanck, HPP Manager.

Old Business

Minutes- The minutes from the April 4th meeting were approved as written.

Lay Creek Ranch Conservation Easement- The project was originally approved at the October 26th meeting for \$15,000.00. At the April 4th meeting, the project was preapproved for up to \$15,000.00 in FY24 as the project was potentially unable to be completed by June 30, 2023. However, the project is able to be completed prior to June 30, 2023. Therefore, the original FY23 funding will be utilized and \$15,000.00 was unencumbered from the FY24 budget.

New Business

Rodewald Ranch Well Development- Glenn Rodewald presented a well development project to implement a new well and two new tanks. The old well no longer produces

water and the pipe is rusted and dilapidated. The goal of the project is to implement a new well in the middle of the pasture to draw wildlife away from the road. The ranch sustains deer, elk, and pronghorn and is located in a migration corridor. The project was preapproved for up to \$9,000.00 in FY24 contingent upon hitting a producing well and obtaining the proper well permit.

Stackyard Fund- The committee discussed the FY24 Stackyard Fund approved by State Council for stackyards that would need to be repaired, replaced, or implemented due to the severity of last winter within the White River and Northwest Colorado committee areas.

Stackyard Materials- The committee discussed the possibility of purchasing more durable wire to provide for stackyards. The committee would like to review wire options before making a decision.

Ellgen Family Stackyard Gates- The committee preapproved 4 stackyard gates from the State Council Stackyard Fund in FY24.

Lambert Stackyard- The committee preapproved materials to construct a 330 stackyard from the State Council Stackyard Fund in FY24.

Shiner Stackyard- The committee preapproved materials to construct a 660 stackyard from the State Council Stackyard Fund in FY24.

Roundtable

Ryan Swartzell stated that the Coon Draw Well Development project may not be completed by June 30, 2023 due to contractor issues. He would like to request funding from next fiscal year. The committee set a conference call to discuss the project.

Remaining Committee Business

Upcoming Meeting- The next meetings were tentatively scheduled as follows:

June 13, 2023 - Zoom

July 6, 2023 - Chamber of Commerce

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:30 pm.