



## HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

San Juan Basin HPP Committee Meeting  
June 5, 2023 @ 6:00 pm  
Durango, CO

### Committee Members Present:

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

### Attendees Present:

Steve Pargin

### 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 the February 20<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as written.

### New Business

Pargin Virtual Fence- Steve Pargin presented a virtual fence project to the committee. Pargin provided the committee with an overview of how the Vence system works and the results he has seen thus far using the system. The project area sits in important big game habitat and experiences year-round use by elk and deer. However, the project area has rougher terrain with many ridges and canyons that the current towers on the property do not reach. Livestock summer on the northern part of the property where the towers do not cover. Adding two additional towers will cover that area and allow livestock to effectively graze and allow for interior fences to be taken down. Pargin also wants to install the towers onto trailers to make them portable that way they are able to move the towers as needed. **The project was approved for \$25,000.00.**

**FY24 Voucher Programs-** The committee reviewed and approved voucher programs for FY24 as follows:

- a. Fence Vouchers- **Approved for \$27,000.00 with the following tiers:**
  - 35-99 acres                 \$400.00
  - 100-199 acres             \$600.00
  - 200+ acres                 \$800.00
- b. Fertilizer Vouchers- **Approved for \$32,000.00.**

**Remaining Committee Business**

**Meeting Schedule-** The committee tentatively approved the following meeting dates for FY24:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
August 14, 2023	6:00 pm	Southwest Regional CPW Office
November 20, 2023	6:00 pm	Southwest Regional CPW Office
February 12, 2024	6:00 pm	Southwest Regional CPW Office
April 15, 2024	6:00 pm	Southwest Regional CPW Office
June 3, 2024	6:00 pm	Southwest Regional CPW Office

**Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:15 pm.