



## HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

Larimer County HPP Committee Meeting  
May 15, 2023 at 5:00 pm  
CPW Office - Fort Collins, CO

### Committee Members Present:

- Justin Foster - CPW
- Lars Larson - Livestock Grower
- Conrad Swanson - Livestock Grower
- Raechel Nelson - Livestock Grower
- Joe Straley - Sportsman
- Dale Oberlag - USFS

### Administrative Assistant Present:

Kimberly Berscheid

### Attendees Present:

Travis Rollins - Larimer County  
Zach Thode - Landowner  
Dillon Sanders - CPW

### Introductions

Committee members and guests were introduced.

### Budget Report

The budget balance at the start of the meeting was \$7,988.

### Old Business

The minutes from the February 6, 2023 meeting were approved as written.

### New Business

#### Tibbets Lake Solar Tank -

Zach Thode is asking the committee for \$2,536 for materials to install a solar pump and water tank on his property in Larimer County. The tank would provide a year-round livestock water source, adding grazing rotation opportunities. It will allow for the restoration of critical riparian areas surrounding the lake.

**The project was approved for up to \$2,536 for materials to install a tank and solar pump.**

#### Cherokee SWA, Sheep Creek Water Development-

Brandon is asking the committee for \$25,000 to purchase 800 ft. of ADS pipe for an irrigation improvement project on the upper unit of the SWA. The existing ditch has significant water loss from the diversion before it reaches the fields and meadows. The reduced water movement has caused habitat and forage loss on the property.

Improving the ditch will provide forage and habitat for wildlife and reduce conflict on neighboring agriculture fields and reduce game damage issues.

**After discussion, the committee approved \$12,500 for the project now and will re-evaluate granting the additional \$12,500 closer to the end of the fiscal year, depending on the budget balance. Admin Update: May 15, 2023, meeting - the committee approved an additional \$5,500 for additional pipe.**

#### Voucher Program Renewal-

**Herbicide:** The committee approved \$3,000 for the FY24 Herbicide Voucher Program.

**Fence:** The committee approved \$12,000 for the FY24 Fence Voucher Reimbursement Program.

**Fertilizer:** The committee approved \$10,000 for the FY24 Fertilizer Voucher Program.

#### Remaining Committee Business

Project Site Tour and Meeting Schedule - The committee requested a project site tour to visit previously funded projects. Suggestions for the tour included the following properties: Knight's, Carpenter's, Thode's, and the Cherokee SWA. Kimberly will work on arranging and scheduling the tour, and updates will be provided when available.

#### Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:40 pm.