



## HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

Uncompahgre HPP Committee Meeting

May 3, 2023 at 6:30 pm

Montrose, CO

### Committee Members Present:

- Kelly Crane - CPW
- Dave Alexander - Livestock Grower
- Todd Stewart - Livestock Grower
- Vacant - Livestock Grower
- Bobby Gray - Sportsman
- Thane Stranathan - BLM
- Loren Paulson - USFS

### Attendees Present:

Harry Loss, Bruce Irvine

### Administrative Assistant Present:

Kale Watson

### Introductions

Committee members and guests were introduced.

### Budget Report

The budget balance at the start of the meeting was \$78,350.00.

### Old Business

The minutes from the March 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting were approved as written.

### New Business

Enstrom Fence- The committee reviewed a fence repair application from Paul and Nancy Enstrom. The property is located in important big game habitat and experiences year-round use by elk and deer. The scope of the project included repairing various spots of fence on the property. **The project was approved for \$500.00.**

Middleton Ranch Fence- Harry Loss presented a fence project to the committee. The property experiences a lot of elk use during the winter, spring, and summer months. The perimeter fences' integrity has declined and is in need of repairs and replacement in some spots. The fence will be built to wildlife-friendly fence specs and will add a high-visibility top wire to make passage easier on big game. **The project was approved for \$4,685.93 and 3 rolls of white wire.**

West Draw Pond- Bruce Irvine presented a pond project to the committee. The property experiences year-round use by elk and seasonal use by deer. The scope of the project includes constructing a new pond on the property to provide more water resources for big game and livestock. **The project was approved for \$5,800.00.**

FY 24 Vouchers- The committee reviewed its fertilizer voucher budget and rules for next FY. **The committee approved \$32,000.00 for fertilizer vouchers in FY24, with a \$5,000.00 cap.**

### **Remaining Committee Business**

Livestock Vacancy- Bob Black resigned, leaving an open Livestock Grower position. The committee will hold livestock vacancy interviews at the next committee meeting.

Meeting Schedule- The next meeting is scheduled for June 1, 2023, at 6:00 pm, at the Montrose CPW Office.

The committee scheduled FY24 meetings as follows:

Wednesday, August 30, 2023 at 6:30 pm

Wednesday, November 8, 2023 at 6:30 pm

Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at 6:30 pm

Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at 6:30 pm

### **Roundtable**

### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.