

HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

Upper Yampa River HPP Committee Meeting
May 12, 2023 at 2:00 pm
Zoom

Committee Members Present:

✓ Jeff Clyncke
 ✓ Larry Monger
 ✓ Nita Naugle
 – Livestock Grower (proxy)

□ Cedric Damby - Sportsperson

☑ Eric Scherff☑ Baili Foster- BLMUSFS

Administrative Assistant Present:

Marian Cole

<u>Introductions</u>

Committee members and attendees were introduced.

Budget Report

The budget was fully encumbered at the January 13th meeting. All additional budget encumbrances for through June 30, 2023 (FY23), will be funded with approval from Michael Blanck, HPP Manager. However, the unencumbered CPW Routt County Elk Collar project would provide enough to fund the project on the agenda.

Old Business

Minutes- The minutes from the May 8th meeting were approved as written.

CPW Routt County Elk Collars- The elk collar project that was approved at the January 13th meeting was no longer able to be completed before the end of the fiscal year. CPW requested if funding could instead be provided during the next fiscal year, July 2023- June 2024. The committee was in support of funding the project next fiscal year. The project was preapproved for up to \$16,250.00 in FY24.

New Business

<u>Clyncke Bros. Fertilizer</u>- Jeff Clyncke presented a project to offset game damage on hay production for Clyncke Bros Hay Company. Over the last several years, the operation has experienced extensive game damage due to deer and elk forage consumption. Despite ongoing cooperation with CPW annually and continued efforts to

Attendees Present:

Michael Blanck- CPW

haze big game, the damage to the growing crops is significant every year. The committee posed additional questions about the game damage process and the cost of fertilizer. Jeff abstained from the approval decision. The project was approved for up to \$15,000.00.

Remaining Committee Business

Fertilizer Guidelines- The committee would like to discuss potential rules for fertilizer funding at a future meeting.

Adjourn
The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:35 pm.