



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

Montelores HPP Committee Meeting
November 21, 2023 @ 5:30 pm
Mancos, CO

Committee Members Present:

- Andy Brown - CPW
- Eldon Simmons - Livestock Grower
- George West - Livestock Grower
- Tanner Young - Livestock Grower
- John Sheek - Sportsperson
- Nate West - BLM
- Ivan Messinger - USFS(proxy)

Attendees Present:

Kevin McComb - Applicant
Oren Pilcher - Applicant
Laura Pilcher - Applicant
Victor Pilcher - Applicant
Brad Weinmeister - CPW

Administrative Assistant Present:

Kale Watson

Introductions

Committee members and guests were introduced.

Budget Report

The budget balance at the start of the meeting was \$37,260.00.

Old Business

The August 14th, 15th & September 5th meeting minutes were approved as written.

New Business

McComb Virtual Fence- Kevin McComb presented a Virtual Fencing project to the committee. Kevin gave an overview of how the Vence System works and the committee had an in-depth discussion. The project site sits in an important big game habitat with only exterior fencing, which has inhibited livestock rotational grazing. Implementing the virtual fencing system will allow the landowner to create an effective grazing management system and leave feed for elk and deer. The funding request was for HPP to purchase 1 virtual fencing tower. **The committee approved the project for \$10,000.00.**

FY24 Fertilizer Vouchers- The committee reviewed fertilizer vouchers. There were 4 applicants who applied for a combined total of 755 acres. **The committee approved \$15/acre with a \$4,000.00 cap, for a project total of \$10,325.00.**

*Administrative note- \$24,675.00 remains in the FY24 Fertilizer Voucher Budget.

Remaining Committee Business

Herd Management Plans- Brad Weinmeister presented the Deer Herd Management Plans for DAU's D-24 and D-29. The committee discussed the draft alternatives. The committee was in support of the proposed draft alternative regarding population objectives and sex ratios for both D-24 and D-29. Comment letters were drafted to reflect the committee's support.

Meeting Schedule- The next meeting is scheduled for February 13, 2024, at 5:30 pm at the NRCS Building in Mancos.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.