



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

Uncompahgre HPP Committee Meeting

November 8, 2023 at 6:30 pm

Montrose, CO

Committee Members Present:

- Kelly Crane - CPW
- Dave Alexander - Livestock Grower
- Todd Stewart - Livestock Grower
- Doug Dillon - Livestock Grower
- Bobby Gray - Sportsperson
- Thane Stranathan - BLM
- Luke Holguin - USFS

Attendees Present:

- Zach Prock - Applicant
- Howard Hughes - Applicant
- Shelly Mcloughlin - Applicant
- Mickey Miller - Applicant
- Matt Ortega - CPW
- Mark Caddy - CPW
- Brand 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 \$122,763.08.

Old Business

The minutes from the August 30th meeting were approved as written.

New Business

North Mountain/Lone Cone Fence- Howard Hughes and Zach Prock presented a continuation of a fence project that was funded in FY23. The scope of the project includes replacing approximately 4 miles of fence. The existing fence is old, in disrepair, and not wildlife-friendly. The property experiences large herds of elk and deer that utilize the property and are hard on the fences. The new fence will be built to wildlife-friendly specs, allowing wildlife to cross more easily and properly hold livestock in designated pastures. **The project was approved for \$8,220.00 and 8 rolls of white wire.**

MJ Ranch Fence - The Committee reviewed a fence project from MJ Ranch. The scope of the project includes replacing 1 ½ miles of fence. The current fence is no longer adequately holding cattle on the property. The project site experiences a large amount of elk year-round that are hard on the fence. The new fence will be built to

wildlife-friendly specs and will also have wildlife crossings. **The project was approved for \$14,000.00 and 6 rolls of white wire.**

Remaining Committee Business

Deer Herd Management Plan- Brad Weinmeister presented the deer herd management plan for DAU D-24. The committee was in support of the proposed draft alternatives regarding population range and sex ratio objectives for D-24. A comment letter was drafted to reflect the committee's support.

Roundtable

Virtual Fencing- The Committee discussed virtual fencing and the possibility of doing a site tour this upcoming summer.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:45 pm.