



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

Grand Mesa HPP Committee Meeting
October 26, 2023 at 1:00 pm
Grand Junction, CO

Committee Members Present:

- Ivan Archer - CPW
- Eric Bruton - Livestock Grower
- Joe Fazzi - Livestock Grower
- Forrest Towns - Livestock Grower
- Harley Metz - Sportsperson
- Erin Kowalski - BLM
- Heidi Plank - USFS

Administrative Assistant Present:

Kale Watson

Attendees Present:

- Chuck Nichols - Applicant
- Ty Bevan - Applicant
- Dusty Apolinar - Applicant
- Russel Knight - BLM
- Travis Bybee - CPW
- Scott Hoyer - CPW
- Kyle Wilson - CPW
- Genevieve Fuller - CPW
- Erin Priest - CPW
- Cassy Penn - CPW
- Michael Blanck - CPW

Introductions

Committee members and guests were introduced.

Budget Report

The budget balance at the start of the meeting was \$1,614.67.

Old Business

The minutes from the June 8th meeting were approved as written.

New Business

Apolinar Mastication- Dusty Apolinar presented a mastication project to the committee. The project site sits in summer and transitional elk and deer range. The current property is thick and overgrown. The scope of the project includes thinning 30-40 acres of the property. The committee was in support of the project but wanted to see more neighboring landowners in on the project to make a bigger impact in that area. **The project was tabled.**

Mormon Mesa Ditch- Chuck Nichols and Ty Bevan presented a ditch repair project to the committee. The current ditch provides water to BLANK acres and is in disrepair. The ditch has slid numerous times throughout the years and has been repaired each time. In August 2023 the ditch had its final slide where the inlet slid out and the main ditch system portion needs a permanent fix. In order to get it properly fixed an engineer is required. **The committee approved to pay up to \$20,000.00 for engineering costs.**

*Administrative Note- \$18,385.33 of the project funding was approved by HPP Manager.

Remaining Committee Business

Elk Herd Management Plans- Genevieve Fuller presented the Elk Herd Management Plan for E-14 to the committee. The committee had a brief discussion about the plan and decided to table the conversation and to wait till the entire plan was finished to discuss it further.

White Wire Vouchers- There have been more requests from landowners to receive additional rolls of white vinyl wire from the committee. To streamline the process the committee decided to create a white wire voucher that would allow landowners to receive up to 2 rolls of white wire, contingent on committee stock. Any ask over those 2 rolls would have to come to the committee as a project application.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.