



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

Northwest Colorado HPP Committee Meeting
September 21, 2023 at 6:00 pm
Zoom

Committee Members Present:

- Evan Jones - CPW
- Sean Durham - Livestock Grower (proxy)
- Chad Green - Livestock Grower
- Gary Visintainer - Livestock Grower
- Gary Nichols - Sportsman
- Jill Carlson - BLM
- Curtis Keetch - USFS

Attendees Present:

Seth Schwolert- CPW
Courtney Bennett- CCALT

Administrative Assistant Present:

Marian Cole

Introductions

Committee members and attendees were introduced.

Budget Report

The budget was fully encumbered with preapprovals made in FY23. All additional budget encumbrances through June 30, 2024 (FY24), will be funded with approval from Michael Blanck, HPP Manager.

Old Business

Minutes- The minutes from the August 28th meeting were approved as written.

New Business

Diamond T Ranch Conservation Easement- Courtney Bennett provided an update on the 1,418 acre ranch conservation easement that had been tabled at the August 28th meeting. The landowner had originally stated that hunting would not be allowed due to concerns related to the extreme winter conditions. However, the landowner is open to hunting in the future. The committee was in support of the project as long as hunting was allowed on the property. The project was approved for up to \$25,000.00.

*Administrative Note- \$25,000.00 of project funding approved by the HPP Manager.

Remaining Committee Business

Conservation Easements- The committee would like to discuss potential rules for conservation easement funding at a future meeting.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:20 pm.