

HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

Grand Mesa HPP Committee Meeting April 25, 2024 at 1:00 pm Zoom

Committee Members Present:

⊠Ivan Archer - CPW

☑ Eric Bruton☑ Joe Fazzi☑ Forrest Towns☐ Livestock Grower☐ Livestock Grower

⊠ Harley Metz - Sportsperson

☑ Erin Kowalski - BLM☑ Heidi Plank - USFS

Administrative Assistant Present:

Kale Watson

<u>Introductions</u>

Committee members and guests were introduced.

Budget Report

The budget balance at the start of the meeting was \$0.00.

New Business

Metcalf Water Development- Carl Metcalf presented a water development project to the committee. The scope of the project includes implementing flood irrigation on the property to lessen the use of water and create a better habitat for wildlife. This project aims to reduce conflict between big game, development in the area, local ranchers, and I-70 traffic by having an area for big game to feed on. The project was approved for \$8.000.00

*Administrative note - \$8,000.00 of the project was approved by the HPP Manager.

Remaining Committee Business

<u>Elk Herd Management Plan-</u> The committee reviewed the Elk Herd Management Plans that Genevieve Fuller presented to the committee in October 2023. The committee was in support of the proposed draft alternatives regarding population range and sex ratio objectives for E-14 and E-19. Comment letters were drafted to reflect the committee's support.

Attendees Present:

Carl Metcalf - Applicant Jace Zundel - CPW Travis Bybee - CPW $\underline{\text{Meeting Schedule-}}$ The next meeting is scheduled for June 6, 2024, at 1:00 pm at the Grand Junction CPW Office.

Adjourn
The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm.