



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

Larimer County HPP Committee Meeting

April 8, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

CPW Office - Fort Collins, CO

Committee Members Present:

- Justin Foster - CPW
- Lars Larson - Livestock Grower
- Conrad Swanson - Livestock Grower
- Raechel Nelson - Livestock Grower
- Joe Straley - Sportsman
- Dale Oberlag - USFS

Attendees Present:

- Travis Rollins - Larimer County
- Jenn Almstead - Larimer County
- Andrew Taylor - VM West Management

Administrative Assistant Present:

Kimberly Berscheid

Introductions

Committee members and guests were introduced.

Budget Report

The budget balance at the start of the meeting was \$24,000.

Old Business

The minutes from December 12, 2023, were approved as written.

New Business

2024 RMOS Habitat & Water Development Project-

Travis Rollins and Jenn Almstead presented a Habitat and Water Development on the Red Mountain Open Space, a 17,000-acre property owned by Larimer County. The county has worked closely with NRCS on their grazing management plan. NRCS has identified that the overall grazing distribution on the Table Mountain Parcel needs to improve due to native plants becoming decadent from underutilization.

The proposed water development would be located at the intersection of the three identified pastures, providing water to each. By holding big game in the open space for extended time periods, the development will also provide a critical resource for wildlife and reduce game damage on neighboring ag fields.

Larimer County is contributing \$41,135.95 for the well drilling, materials, and labor.

The project was approved for \$7,500 for materials to install the water development.

Remaining Committee Business

The next Larimer County HPP Committee meeting is scheduled for **June 11, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. via Google Meet.**

Roundtable

Kimberly provided an update on the Calloway Rim Cheatgrass Treatment Project from Ray Aberle. The interested landowners have been identified, and a map showing the overall treatment areas has been produced. The next steps are to map cheatgrass infestation and ground truth the results to identify treatment acreage accurately. CPW staff, partners, and landowners are collaborating in the project development.

Andrew Taylor introduced himself and VM West Management.

Justin Foster discussed the recent license setting results with the committee.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:20 pm.