

HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

San Juan Basin HPP Committee Meeting February 12, 2024 @ 6:00 pm Durango, CO

Committee Members Present:

⊠Ty Smith	- CPW
⊠Phil Craig	- Livestock Grower
⊠Dan Huntington	- Livestock Grower
□Jesse Montoya	- Livestock Grower
⊠George Malarsie	- Sportsperson
□John Gardner	- Sportsperson
□Vacant	- BLM
⊠Anthony Garcia	- USFS
⊠Aran Johnson	- SUIT
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Attendees Present:

Dave Dillon - Applicant Nate West - BLM Michael Blanck - 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 \$5,599.40.

Old Business

The minutes from the November 20th meeting were approved as written.

New Business

<u>Dillon Fence-</u> The committee reviewed a fence project from Dave Dillon. The project site experiences year-round use by elk and deer and seasonal use by moose. The fence is in rough shape and in need of repair. The project scope includes replacing approximately ½ mile of fence with new wildlife-friendly pipe fencing. The project was approved for up to \$24,400.00.

*Administrative Note - \$18,800.60 of project funding was approved by the HPP Manager.

<u>Fertilizer Vouchers-</u> The committee reviewed fertilizer voucher applications. There were 16 applicants for a total of 1,513.36 acres. The committee approved \$21.15 per acre with a project total of \$32,000.00.

Remaining Committee Business

SUIT Elk Collars- Aran Johnson gave the committee an update on the SUIT Elk Collar Project.

<u>White Wire Vouchers-</u> 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 additional rolls of white wire, contingent on committee stock. Any ask over those 2 rolls would have to committee as a project application.

<u>CPW Reorganization-</u> Michael Blanck updated the committee on the recent CPW reorganization. Historically, HPP was based out of the Northwest Region under the Private Lands Program but will now be transferred to a new branch, Outdoor Recreation & Lands, based out of Denver.

<u>Committee Term Limits-</u> Michael Blanck shared with the committee the coming committee term limit policy.

<u>Meeting Schedule-</u> The next meeting is scheduled for April 15th at 6:00 pm at the Southwest Regional CPW Office.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.