



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

San Luis Valley HPP Committee Meeting

January 17, 2024

CPW Office - Monte Vista, CO

Committee Members Present:

- Brent Woodward - CPW
- Mark Bechaver - Livestock Grower
- Carol Lee Dugan - Livestock Grower
- Richard Davie - Livestock Grower
- Dale Gomez - Sportsman
- Eduardo Duran - BLM
- Kevin Duda - USFS
- Dean Lee - USFWS

Administrative Assistant Present:

Kimberly Berscheid

Attendees Present:

Gerald Faucette - Landowner
Jeremy Faucette - Landowner
Meg Shelley - USFS

Introductions

Committee members and guests were introduced.

Budget Report

The remaining budget at the start of the meeting was \$71,540.

Old Business

The meeting minutes from August 7, 2023, were approved as written.

New Business

Faucette Fence Project - Gerald and Jeremy Faucette

Gerald and Jeremy asked the committee for \$10,690.59 for materials to replace 2.25 miles of fence bordering their properties. The existing fence is old and no longer repairable, creating a significant hazard to big game. A new wildlife-friendly fence will reduce future damage and entanglement hazards and ensure each landowner's livestock containment.

The project was approved for up to \$11,500 (to account for price increases) for fence materials and four and a half rolls of high-visibility wire from the committee inventory.

Dugan Ranch Water Development Project Update - Meg Shelley

The project was completed successfully. Meg provided photos of the finished water development.

Remaining Committee Business

Meeting Schedule -

The next SLV HPP Committee meeting is March 27, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., CPW Office - Monte Vista.

Roundtable

Dale Gomez - has been working on a travel management project and has secured a grant for the USFS to pursue projects. He asked for input identifying illegal roads for future closure and discussed barrier designs.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:25 p.m.