



## HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

South Park HPP Committee Meeting

March 20, 2024, 11:00 am

Park County Government Building, Fairplay

### Committee Members Present:

- Brance Anderson - CPW
- Steve Allard - Livestock Grower
- John Woodward - Livestock Grower
- Webb Smith - Livestock Grower
- Randy Tingle - Sportsman
- Christine Cloninger - BLM
- Sheila Lamb - USFS

### Administrative Assistant Present:

Kimberly Berscheid

### Attendees Present:

Andrew Richardson - Applicant  
Jacob Eggers - CPW  
Colby Stone - Brand Inspector  
Mark Lamb - CPW  
Michael Blanck - CPW  
Rebecca Smith - Applicant  
Jill Smith - Applicant  
Amy Mitchell - Park County Commissioner  
Vickie Russo - USFS  
Brandin Cravener - BW Fencing

### Introductions

Committee members were introduced.

### Budget Report

The budget balance at the start of the meeting was \$9,275.

### Old Business

The minutes from July 25, 2023, were approved as written.

### New Business

#### Marksbury - Thorpe Fence Project-

Webb Smith presented a project to construct a 2.5-mile fence on the Marksbury-Thorpe allotment along CR 77. Since the county road was paved, vehicles have struck several cattle, causing a safety hazard and causing Webb to lose livestock. The committee and attendees discussed the project in depth. Due to the fence's location, it was decided that HPP would not agree to fund the project. The Smiths were encouraged to pursue other funding sources.

The committee approved 10 rolls of high-visibility wire and 10 rolls of smooth wire from inventory and up to \$5,000 for a cattle guard. The approval is contingent on securing additional funding for materials. Webb Smith abstained from voting on the project.

### Woodward Solar Pump-

John Woodward presented a solar pump project on the Rosalie Pasture that was recently purchased. The pump system would be installed on an existing well and provide water to livestock and wildlife from May through October (approximately). Wildlife-friendly fencing surrounds the pasture, providing safe passage for wildlife. John is contributing \$12,614 in labor and materials to complete the water development.

**The project was approved for \$9,849.10 for materials and labor to install a solar pump system. John Woodward abstained from voting on the project.**

### Teter-Michigan State Wildlife Area Fence Crossings-

Jacob Eggers presented a wildlife fence crossing project in the State Wildlife Area. The property is in a migration corridor for deer, elk, moose, and pronghorn. Fencing is required to delineate property boundaries and contain livestock but restricts the movement of big game. Installing five wildlife crossings would reduce game damage to the existing fence and provide safe passage. Jacob has identified locations for the crossings that experience heavy damage throughout the year and present entanglement hazards. CPW will contribute labor to construct and install the crossings.

**The project was approved for \$15,000 in materials needed to construct and install five wildlife crossings.**

### South Long Park Fence-

Andrew Richardson presented a 0.85-mile fence project on the McQuaid Grazing Allotment in the Pike National Forest. Due to the Weston fire burning much of the fencing infrastructure, the allotment has yet to be fully utilized. A wildlife-friendly fence would allow Andrew to graze all seven pastures in the allotment, improving overall livestock distribution on the landscape and increasing forage quality for big game. USFS will contribute a cattle guard, railroad ties, and fence materials. Andrew will contribute labor and equipment to complete the project.

**The project was approved for \$11,220 in labor to construct .85 miles of wildlife-friendly fence on the McQuaid Grazing Allotment. Sheila Lamb abstained from voting on the project.**

### Remaining Committee Business

#### Meeting Schedule-

The next committee meeting is scheduled for **May 1, 2024**, location and time to be determined.

### Roundtable

Randy Tingle announced his retirement from the committee after serving 32 years. The committee presented him with an elk statue and thanked him for his time and dedication to HPP. A Sportsperson's Vacancy Announcement will be posted in the coming months.

### Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:35 p.m.