



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

Grand Mesa HPP Committee Meeting
August 22, 2024 at 1:00 pm
Rifle, CO

Committee Members Present:

<input type="checkbox"/> VACANT	- CPW
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eric Bruton	- Livestock (P)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joe Fazzi	- Livestock Grower
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forrest Towns	- Livestock Grower
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Harley Metz	- Sportsman(P)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Erin Kowalski	- BLM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Heidi Plank	- USFS

Attendees Present:

Ty Bevan - Applicant
Travis Bybee - CPW
Jace Zundel - CPW

Administrative Assistant Present:

Kale Watson

Introductions

Committee members and guests were introduced.

Budget Report

FY25- The budget balance at the start of the meeting was \$18,375.00

Old Business

The minutes from the June 6th meeting were approved as written.

New Business

Gisler Water Improvement- The committee reviewed a water improvement for an irrigation ditch diversion box from Phyllis Gisler. The current diversion box is dilapidated due roots of trees around the box growing into it. Closing off the larger ditch and directly water downstream is not possible with the current structure. Both pastures that this ditch provide water to experience year-round use by deer, elk, and moose. The scope of the project includes rebuilding the diversion box. **The project was approved for \$1,640.00.**

Bevan Fence- Ty Bevan presented a fence project to the committee. The existing fence line is old and in disrepair. It is frequently crossed by deer, elk, and moose throughout the year. The project aims to replace approximately one mile of fencing using wildlife-friendly specs. **The project was approved for \$10,528.41.**

Nichols Fence- The committee reviewed a fence project from Ben Nichols. The committee previously approved this project for FY24 at the February 15, 2024 meeting. However, the project was not completed by the FY24 deadline. The scope of the project includes constructing ¼ miles of new wildlife-friendly fencing. **The project was approved for \$3,032.00 with a deadline of January 15, 2025.**

Remaining Committee Business

Meeting Schedule- The next meeting is scheduled for October 24, 2024, at 1:00 pm in Collbran.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 pm.