HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

State Council Meeting
August 5, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.
Virtual/Conference Call

Committee Members Present:

☒Casey Cooley	- CPW
☒Gary Visintainer	- Livestock Grower
☐Ty Bevan	- Livestock Grower
☐Riley May	- Livestock Grower
☐Todd Peterson	- Sportsperson
☒Greg Jungman	- Sportsperson
☒Robbie LeValley	- CSU Extension
☒Hunter Seim	- BLM
☐Shelia Lamb	- USFS

HPP Staff Present:
Michael Blanck – Program Manager
Kim Berscheid - NE/SE Admin

Attendees Present:
Dani Neumann - CPW
Dr. Danielle Johnston - CPW

Introductions
Committee members and HPP staff were introduced.

New Business
Colorado Seed Tool Version 1-

Dr. Danielle Johnston and Dani Neumann presented the Colorado Seed Tool Version 1 project to the State Council. Based on feedback collected during the recently completed Beta testing the app will require updates.

The project was approved for $13,000 for Fetchly Services to update the App.

High-Visibility Wire Purchase (West Slope)-

Michael Blanck, proposed that the State Council approve a high-visibility wire purchase for projects on the west slope. The stockpile would be available for projects outside of established committees.

The project was approved for $30,000 for high-visibility wire.

Remaining Committee Business
CPW Reorganization-

Michael Blanck updated the State Council on the recent CPW reorganization. Historically, HPP was based in the Northwest Region under the Private Lands Program but will now be transferred to a new branch, Outdoor Recreation & Lands, based in the

Denver office. An Assistant Director of Outdoor Recreation & Lands has been created, and the vacancy has been posted.

HPP Staff Vacancies-
Michael Blanck shared that the vacant NW Region Administrative Assistant and Program Assistant positions are vacant. He is working to re-hire the Administrative Assistant position. However, the Program Assistant will not be replaced; the FTE stays within the NW Region.

HPP RESTORE Participation-
The State Council discussed HPP's participation in RESTORE. The Council recognized significant funding of the NW winter operation and subsequent hunting license cuts will impact the HPP budget. They chose to focus funding on higher priorities this fiscal year. The Council may consider future participation RESTORE.

HPP Committee Representative Term Limit Policy-
Michael Blanck shared that the committees have not followed Term Limit requirements and will need to do so moving forward. He presented his Draft Term Limit Policy of 4-year term limits with unlimited terms served and an implementation plan for which positions will expire each year. The committee discussed the importance of historical knowledge held by longstanding committee members and the need to be mindful during the policy's execution.

Roundtable

Michael Blanck-
Michael updated the committee on his activities since the last meeting. He attended the SE Region Sportsperson's Caucus with Garett Watson and Ray Aberle. They discussed the region's needs and where/how HPP can assist.

He attended a Habitat Tour in the NE and SE Regions with Trent Verquer, Josh Melby, Tanya Fell, Kim Berscheid, and Partner Biologists. The tour was very beneficial and provided further understanding of the area's unique needs.

Additionally, he attended the Colorado Association of Conservation Districts Annual Meeting in Colorado Springs. HPP and CPW staff were allowed to present on the program, which generated interest from the attendees.

Kim Berscheid-
Kim Berscheid discussed the possibility of an HPP-sponsored Agriculture Short Course, allowing CPW employees to learn more about agricultural operations.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.