



Habitat Partnership Program Meeting Minutes

Republican Rivers Committee Meeting

August 20, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Bank of Colorado - Yuma

Committee Members Present:

- ☒ Josh Melby - CPW
- ☒ Chris Craig - Livestock Grower
- ☒ Clayt Cooper - Livestock Grower
- ☒ Wade Smith - Livestock Grower
- ☒ Gannon Leifheit - Sportsman

Attendees Present:

Troy Klassen - Applicant
Peyton Burt - CPW
Greg Stoltz - Landowner
Ryan Herron - Applicant

Administrative Assistant Present:

Kimberly Berscheid

Introductions

Committee members and guests were introduced.

Budget Report

The budget balance at the start of the meeting was \$50,000.

Old Business

The meeting minutes from February 26, 2025, were approved as written.

New Business

Project Applications

Herron Water Project-

Ryan Herron presented a water project on his property in Washington County. The project aims to supply water to new trees along a mile of creek bottoms to replace the dead trees. It will use an existing well to distribute water to three hydrants. The project will help establish tree plots, water tanks, and pollinator and grass plantings to create habitat and cover for big game. Ryan will contribute in-kind labor to install the water lines and plant trees. NRCS is contributing to a pollinator planting.

The project was approved for up to \$5,500 for materials to install three hydrants and water tanks for FY 26.

FY26 Meeting Meals and Committee Operating Expenses-

The committee approved allocating \$500 for working meeting meals and \$250 for operating expenses, including committee member recognition.

FY26 Fencing and Guzzler Voucher Program-

The committee approved the FY26 vouchers for high-visibility white-wire and guzzlers. DWMs or committee members can approve vouchers, which must be returned to the committee administrative assistant upon delivery or pickup.

Habitat Conservation and Connectivity Plan (HCCP)-

Peyton Burt presented the HCCP to the committee and answered questions.

Klassen Water Development Update-

Troy Klassen updated the committee on the well project that was completed in FY25.

Remaining Committee Business**Meeting Schedule-**

The next Republican Rivers HPP Committee meeting is TBD. The committee would like to conduct a project tour, and Josh Melby will begin developing a plan.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:05 p.m.