



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

San Juan Basin HPP Committee Meeting
June 3, 2024 @ 6:00 pm
Durango, CO

Committee Members Present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ty Smith	- CPW
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phil Craig	- Livestock Grower
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dan Huntington	- Livestock Grower
<input type="checkbox"/> Jesse Montoya	- Livestock Grower
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> George Malarsie	- Sportsperson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Gardner	- Sportsperson
<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant	- BLM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anthony Garcia	- USFS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aran Johnson	- SUIT

Attendees Present:

Allen Hawley - Applicant
Andrew Standley - Applicant

Administrative Assistant Present:

Kale Watson

Introductions

Committee members and guests were introduced.

Budget Report

FY24- The budget at the beginning of the meeting was \$0.00.

FY25- The budget beginning July 1, 2024 is \$160,000.00.

Old Business

The minutes from the February 12th meeting were approved as written.

New Business

FY25 Hawley Habitat Improvement- Allen Hawley presented habitat improvement project to the committee. The project site sits between Southern Ute Indian Tribal Land and the Nation Forest and experiences seasonal use by elk and deer. The property is under new ownership and has not been well taken care of in the past. The property has various spots of double fence lines and old sheep wire, both of which are creating hazards for big game. Meadows on the property have also been overtaken by underbrush and oak. The scope of the project aims to remove approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ miles of old sheep wire, any double fence lines, and thin approximately 20 acres. **The project was approved for \$12,000.00.**

FY25 LS Cattle Company Virtual Fence- Andrew Standley presented a virtual fence project to the committee. The project site sits in important big game habitat and experiences year round use by elk and deer. The terrain on the Dutch Creek Allotment is rough and many portion are not accessible by vehicle. Implementing a virtual fencing system on the property to allow for

better range utilization and allow for more time spent on vegetation monitoring. **The project was approved for \$19,999.95.**

FY25 Bonds Ranch Virtual Fence- The committee reviewed and virtual fencing application from Bonds Ranch. The project site experiences seasonal use by elk, deer, and moose. The scope of the project is to implement a virtual fencing system on the Coon Creek Allotment. Implementing a virtual fencing system on the property would allow for better grazing management without having to add physical fences. **The project was approved for \$6,500.00.**

FY25 Voucher Programs- The committee reviewed and approved voucher programs for FY25 as follows:

- a) Fence Vouchers- **The committee approved \$27,000.00 for fence vouchers in tiers:**
 - 35-99 acres \$400.00
 - 100-199 acres \$600.00
 - 200+ acres \$800.00
- b) Fertilizer Vouchers- **The committee approved \$32,000.00 for fertilizer vouchers.**

Remaining Committee Business

Meeting Schedule- The committee tentatively approved the following meeting dates for FY25:

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
August 19, 2024	6:00 pm	Southwest Regional CPW Office
November 4, 2024	6:00 pm	Southwest Regional CPW Office
*February 10, 2025	6:00 pm	Southwest Regional CPW Office
April 7, 2025	6:00 pm	Southwest Regional CPW Office
June 9, 2025	6:00 pm	Southwest Regional CPW Office

*Fertilizer Meeting

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.