



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

Grand Mesa HPP Committee Meeting

October 24, 2024 at 1:00 pm

Collbran, CO

Committee Members Present:

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

Attendees Present:

Paul Spencer- Applicant
Kim Coflesh- Applicant
Travis Bybee - CPW

Administrative Assistant Present:

Kale Watson

Introductions

Committee members and guests were introduced.

Budget Report

The budget balance at the start of the meeting was \$3,174.59.

Old Business

Minutes-The minutes from the August 22nd meeting were approved as written.

Alkali Creek Pond Change of Scope- The committee reviewed a change of scope for the Alkali Creek Pond Cleanings. The original project included cleaning multiple ponds on the Alkali Creek Allotment, with the new request they would focus on developing a spring on the allotment. Water would be piped into a tire tank to try and hold livestock and big game away from a riparian area. **The change of scope was approved.**

New Business

Spencer Habitat Improvement- Paul Spencer presented a habitat improvement project to the committee. The project site sits in important big game habitat and experiences year round use by deer and seasonal use by elk and moose. The scope of the project includes thinning approximately 33 acres at 50-75% vegetation reduction and seed afterwards with a native seed mix. The committee discussed other potential funding

sources in the area that are working towards similar goals on a larger landscape scale and suggested waiting for further developmenets. **The committee tabled the project.**

Mamm Creek Reseeding- The committee reviewed a reseeding project proposed by Duke Wheeler, which had previously received funding from the committee for FY23 and FY24. The project aims to reseed 18.5 acres with oats and grass, as well as spray for weeds. However, the committee expressed concerns regarding land preparation and wanted to explore a more effective approach to achieve the desired outcome . **The committee tabled the project.**

Remaining Committee Business

Fertilizer Voucher Program- The committee discussed potential changes to the the fertilizer voucher program. More discussion and potential changes will be discussed at the spring fertilizer meeting.

Committee Term Limits- The committee has a brief discussion about the committee term limit guidelines.

Meeting Schedule- The next meeting is scheduled for Ferbruary 6th.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.