

HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

North Fork HPP Committee Meeting May 31, 2024 at 6:30 pm Hotchkiss, CO

Attendees Present:

Committee Members Present:

⊠Kevin Bryan

- CPW

□Ross Allen

- Livestock Grower

⊠Steve Kossler

- Livestock Grower

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- Sportsperson - BLM

□Kyler McCarrel

- USFS

Administrative Assistant Present:

Kale Watson

Budget Report

The budget balance at the start of the meeting was \$12,000.00.

Old Business

Hawk Conservation Easement- The Hawk Conservation Easement that was approved at the previous meeting, May 1st, was not able to be implemented in FY24 due to closing of the easement being pushed back past the FY24 deadline. \$8,000.00 of approved funds were unencumbered for FY24.

New Business

<u>FY24 Fertilizer/Seed Voucher Applications-</u> The committee discussed fertilizer/seed vouchers. This is the first time the committee has used a universal system for fertilizer/seed, and some landowners received a significantly smaller voucher amount than in years past. To help all landowners with this transition year, the committee decided to use a partial amount of excess funds for fertilizer vouchers as a one-time opportunity. The committee approved \$6,756.68 additionally for fertilizer, bringing a total project cost to \$48,486.68.

Remaining Committee Business

<u>Livestock Rep Retirement-</u> Jess Campbell, one of the three livestock reps on the committee, announced his retirement. A livestock vacancy announcement will be posted, and interviews to fill the vacancy will be held at the next meeting.

Meeting Schedule- The next meeting is TBD.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.