



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

Conference Call

April 30, 2020

7:00pm

Introductions: Members present were: DWM Bailey Franklin/CPW, Mary Taylor/BLM, Rich Parr/sportsperson, Butch Theos/livestock grower, and Admin. Samantha Sorensen/CPW.

Guests present were: Landon Smith/BLM, AAWM Mike Swaro, AWM Bill deVergie, Albert and Mary Krueger.

General Public Comments: None.

Budget Report: Committee members were presented with a budget report. The committee has already spent their \$200,000.00 budget plus an additional \$128,660.26.

Old Business: Minutes from March 5 were presented and approved as written.

New Business: Rattlesnake Gulch Water Development: Mike explained the proposed water development in Piceance and that they fell short on funding. The project would help disperse cattle and wildlife, and increase harvest. The BLM plans to donate a storage tank and the lessee will build the tank fences and provide escape ramps. The committee approved \$16,613.58.

Wenschhof/Collins Irrigated Ag Seeding: Bailey pitched the project to Chris Collins, this would be a continuation of past projects. The seeding would take place in a critical area and improve habitat for deer and elk. Currently the 6 acre pasture is dominated by smooth brome. The plan is to use spring water to irrigate after spraying, aerating, and seeding. The committee approved \$2,250.00.

Krueger Hausser Water Improvement: Albert explained that this project would add 3k feet to an existing waterline and pump water up hill to a higher elevation. A holding tank would be added; the current pressure is only sufficient enough to pump to the existing location. The goal is to create an additional watering facility for elk and deer. The pond will be fenced in order to control use by livestock, but the fence portion is not part of the proposal. Hunting is allowed on the property but Rich mentioned it would be nice if they allowed public hunters. Bailey explained the WRHPP big game dispersal hunt program. Mary Krueger said she would be open to discussing the possibility of allowing late season hunters. The committee approved a 50/50 cost share up to \$7,163.00

Villa Ranch Hay Gulch Water Pipeline Extension: Similar proposal to Krueger Hausser only the pipeline would extend 1k feet and there is plenty of existing pressure. The additional watering facility would be located in a secluded area next to a hay field. The project would help with their agricultural and hunting operations. The committee approved a 50/50 cost share up to \$1,042.00

Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion: SC-Arch Surveys, Tamarisk, June Meeting: Samantha passed along State Council updates. Required clearances are the responsibility of the proposing agency, however it may be appropriate to solicit money from HPP if the agency can immediately implement the project after the HPP clearance work is completed. Lastly, while controlling tamarisk may be desirable, such control is outside of HPP's purpose for big game/ag conflicts or game mgmt. objectives. The State Council tentatively has a meeting scheduled for June 23 and 24, location to be determined.

Select Next Meeting Date: TBD Future Agenda Items: Bailey mentioned that Rocky Pappas may have a seeding proposal.

Roundtable: Butch asked if HPP funds could be affected by the state's budget crisis. Samantha said Pat had mentioned that at this point in time it's not a concern. Bill hoped that they might be able to hold in-person meetings again soon.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:41pm.