



## **HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES**

### **Zoom Video Conference**

**August 19, 2020**

**7:00pm**

**Introductions: Members present were:** Mary Taylor/BLM, DWM Bailey Franklin/CPW, Lenny Klingsmith/Livestock Grower, Butch Theos/Livestock Grower, and Admin. Samantha Sorensen/CPW. **Guests present were:** HPP Coordinator Pat Tucker (7:37pm).

**General Public Comments:** None.

**Budget Report:** Committee members were provided with a current FY21 budget report. The committee started the meeting with \$95,269.80 remaining. Samantha explained the process for requesting additional funds from State Council. Mary asked about last year's budget and Samantha let the committee know they spent approximately \$134k above their allocated \$200k budget.

**Old Business:** Minutes from July 29 and August 4 were approved as written.

**New Business:** Oak Ridge SWA Prescribed Burn Arch Survey: Bailey stated that the request is for \$45k to hire a contractor to perform an arch survey of the burn polygon. The burn itself would hopefully take place in the fall of 2021 but an arch clearance is required first. CPW would donate \$10-\$20k for additional fire line prep. The committee discussed the purpose of an arch survey and if there were any way to get around it or to reduce the cost. Bailey had to recuse himself from the vote, therefore there were not enough members present to vote on the proposal. Mary said she will ask Luke and Kyle if they can attend the next meeting, so they can better explain the purpose of an arch survey. Pat asked Bailey if it might be worth going back to the BLM to see if they'd cover the arch survey so HPP could help fund the burn. Tabled.

Grady Ranch Lime Kiln Wildlife Friendly Fence & M/R WRR LK Sheridan Wildlife Friendly Fence: Two separate proposals were provided to the committee but Bailey explained the project is for a boundary fence between the two ranches. The landowners would like to replace approximately .55 miles of woven wire with a 4 strand wildlife friendly fence. Maintenance would be the responsibility of Mike Grady. The total project cost would be split three ways between HPP and the two ranches. The committee approved \$2,836.67 for the project plus three rolls of vinyl top wire.

**Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion:** Select Next Meeting Date: TBD  
Future Agenda Items: Oak Ridge SWA Prescribed Burn Arch Survey and Landscape Scale Weed Control Vouchers.

**Roundtable:** Bailey asked the committee if they would rather see the Landscape Scale Weed Control project go out to bid or set up as a reimbursement for service voucher. The committee voiced that they would prefer the voucher system so Bailey will put together a proposal for the next meeting. Pat thanked the committee for their time and patience during these difficult times and explained that virtual meetings is how business will be conducted for the foreseeable future.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:22pm.