



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

Montelores HPP Committee

Zoom Video Conference
November 3rd 2020
5:30 p.m.

HPP Members Present: Andy Brown, CPW; John Sheek, Sportsman; Nate West, BLM; Eldon Simmons, Livestock Grower; Tanner Young, Livestock Grower; George West (Livestock Grower, by proxy)

Introductions & Budget Report:

The remaining budget at the start of the meeting was \$88,200.00.

New Business:

1. The committee reviewed a fencing project from Paul Weyand. The property is located in big game winter range, and experiences year-round use by deer. Approximately 3,070-feet of existing 6-strand barbed wire fence is in severe disrepair, and does not prevent cattle trespass from neighboring parcels. The project would involve removing the old fence and replacing it with wildlife-friendly fence to HPP specs, including high visibility wire and gate crossings. The project was approved for up to \$4,000 for materials.
2. The committee reviewed a fencing proposal from Dave Frederick. The property includes 40 acres, however there is currently no fencing on the parcel. The landowner experiences frequent cattle trespass, and wants to exclude livestock so that forage and natural habitat can be left for wildlife. The committee has not funded entirely new fences in the past, and did not want to set a precedent of building new fence without the component of removing hazardous or non-wildlife-friendly fence. Since the property is not in agricultural production, the committee also felt that there was not a wildlife conflict component. The project was denied since it does not meet HPP's scope and purpose.
3. The Oliver Reseeding Project was not ready for consideration and was tabled.
4. The committee did not receive any fertilizer applications for this meeting.

Next Meeting: February 16th @ 5:30pm via Zoom