

HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES September 22nd, 2020 Zoom Video Call

Committee Members present:
oxtimes Mike Trujillo, Colorado Parks and Wildlife AWM
□Terry Everhart, Livestock Grower
⊠Kenn Lutz, Livestock Grower
□Dwaine Robey, Sportsperson
⊠John Stroh II, Livestock Grower
⊠Jeff Outhier, USFS
□Glenda Torres, BLM
Administrative Assistant: ⊠Hanna Cook

Guests: Dennis and Dottie Feister (Landowners), Pat Tucker (HPP Coordinator)

Meeting called to order by John Stroh at 10:20 AM

Budget Report

The budget report was reviewed.

Old Business

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

New Business

Project Application Proposals and Reviews

Feister Timber Manipulation Project

Dennis and Dottie are asking HPP for \$10,000 for labor and seed needed to clear and re-seed 66 acres of a heavily forested area in order to increase suitable big game habitat on the property. There is currently a lot of dying, dead, diseased, and overgrown timber, and thinning it out will allow for more ground vegetation and better habitat for big game. It will also reduce the risk of wild fire. Elk use the property frequently, and hunters have reported seeing a lot of big bucks. This project has a substantial amount of matching funds from the landowners and NRCS. The price per acre is much higher than what the committee generally sees. The committee agrees that this is a good project, but with the high price and additional funds from partners, the committee would like to decrease the amount to \$5,000.

The project was approved for \$5,000.

Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion

There will be a well project proposal for the Bosque del Oso SWA coming to the committee soon, so the committee will need to schedule another meeting to review this project.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 AM

The next meeting will be held on: November 10th, 2020 at 10:00 AM as a video call.

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