



## **HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES**

**April 5th, 2021**

**Zoom Video Call**

Committee Members present:

- Jack Taylor, Colorado Parks and Wildlife
- Larry Monger, Livestock Grower
- Jeff Clyncke, Livestock Grower
- Nita Herold Naugle, Livestock Grower
- Cedric Damby, Sportsperson
- Kristina Wood, USFS
- Eric Scherff, BLM

Administrative Assistant:

- Hanna Cook

Guests: Michael Lozano (Landowner), Dave Peregoy (Landowner), Karen Whitney (Landowner), Kris Middendorf (CPW-AWM), Pat Tucker (HPP Coordinator), Amber Pougiales (CCALT), Eric VanNatta (CPW-Biologist), Kyle Bond (CPW-DWM)

**Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM**

### **Budget Report**

The budget report was reviewed.

### **Old Business**

The minutes from the February 8<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved.

### **New Business**

#### **Introduce New Committee Members**

The Colorado Parks and Wildlife commission has approved Jack Taylor and Cedric Damby. Jack Taylor is the new CPW representative on the committee, and Cedric Damby is the new sportsperson representative. The committee will decide on the new chairperson at the next meeting.

#### **Project Application Proposals and Reviews**

##### Warhorse Ranch Fencing-Michael Lozano

Michael is asking HPP for \$3,000 for fencing materials needed to build new wildlife friendly fence. The current fence is old and damaged, and elk, deer, and pronghorn have been causing further damage and/or getting entangled in the fence. The new fence will reduce entanglement issues for wildlife. Michael is working with NRCS on a grazing plan for their horses and cattle,

including interior fencing. They are asking for approximately 2,000 ft of fencing materials. The landowner will contribute additional funds and will complete the labor along with volunteers. There is concern about the property being surrounded by other houses and an elk fence on one side, but Michael has confirmed that the elk fence does not completely block the property and wildlife are still able to access it.

**The project was approved for \$3,000 plus 2 rolls of white vinyl wire.**

Willow Creek HOA Fencing-Dave Peregoy

Dave is asking HPP for \$1,830 for fence materials to replace ¼ mile of old fence with new wildlife friendly fence. The new fence will prevent wildlife entanglement issues. The HOA replaced one mile of old fence last year with HPP, this year they will just do ¼ mile. There is a spring on this fence line that attracts deer and elk, so animals are traveling back and forth frequently. HPP would pay for materials, plus 1 roll of wire. The HOA will pay for labor to remove the old fence and build the new one.

**The project was approved for \$1,830 plus 1 roll of white vinyl wire.**

FY22 Mt. Harris Conservation Easement- Karen Whitney, Amber Pougiales

Karen and Amber are asking HPP for \$10,000 for transaction costs for a conservation easement on the Mt. Harris property. The CE will cover 95 ½ acres and is adjacent to other large sections of conserved land. They have a small summer grazing operation, and the property has good big game and bird habitat. They would like to maintain the open space and wildlife habitat. Hunting is not specified in CE language, so it will be left up to the landowner. The CE will not close until later in 2021, so the funding for this project will come out of the committee's 2022 budget.

**The project was approved for \$10,000 in transaction costs for FY 2022.**

**Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion**

There were two fertilizer reimbursement projects that did not make it onto this agenda that are time sensitive. In an effort to get these projects and any associated POs approved as soon as possible, the committee will hold a quick conference call on Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup> to review these projects.

**The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM**

**The next meeting will be held on: April 9th, 2021 at 9:00 AM as a conference call.**

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