

## HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES Zoom Video Conference March 9, 2021 6:00PM

Introductions: Members attending the meeting were: Sean Durham/Livestock Grower, Toni Toelle/BLM, DWM Evan Jones/CPW, Gary Visintainer/Livestock Grower, Chad Green/Livestock Grower, and Admin. Samantha Sorensen/CPW. Guests attending the meeting were: Parks and Wildlife Commissioner Marie Haskett, Andy and Melissa Misner, and DWM Garrett Smith.

## General Public Comments: None.

**<u>Budget Report</u>**: Samantha provided committee members with a budget report. She also gave an update on fence vouchers, and the shipment of more vinyl wire.

**<u>Old Business</u>**: The minutes from February 9th were presented and approved as written.

**New Business:** Z/C Ranch 1400 SW Fence: Andy began by thanking the committee with assistance on their last fence project. Committee members were provided with three separate proposals to explain all three phases. The committee decided to only consider phase one; the construction of a new wildlife friendly fence between Z/C Ranch and BLM. Andy and Melissa would like to avoid using woven wire so they came to HPP seeking assistance with a wildlife friendly fence design. When asked if Andy had approached neighboring landowners, he said Tuttle has no need for a fence and the BLM out of WY said they weren't interested in cost sharing either. Toni and Garrett spoke about the number of big game and their movements through the area. Andy kept reiterating the amount of game damage along other woven wire fence, in the past they've opted to just supply vinyl top wire; and put higher priority on habitat improvements. However they didn't anticipate receiving many more projects before the end of the fiscal year. Gary Visintainer voiced he still had reservations but wouldn't hold up funding. The committee approved \$11,242.08 for the fence project.

**<u>Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion:</u>** Next Meeting: April 13<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm. Future Agenda Items: A couple more proposals are expected in the near future.

**<u>Roundtable</u>**: Chad asked if there's been any word on in-person meetings. Sam stated it is still status quo for the time being.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:46pm.