



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

San Juan Basin HPP Committee

San Juan Basin Public Lands Center - 15 Burnett Ct, Durango

November 8th, 2021

6:00 p.m.

San Juan Basin HPP Members Present: Anthony Garcia, USFS; Phil Craig, Livestock Grower; Dan Huntington, Livestock Grower; Mike Schmidt, BLM; Adrian Archuleta, CPW; John Gardner, Sportsperson

Guests: Gabriel Valdez

Introduction: Committee members and guests were introduced. The remaining budget at the beginning of the meeting was \$60,920.00.

New Business:

1. Gabriel Valdez presented a fencing proposal for Navajo River Ranch. The existing fence is old and in disrepair, and is composed primarily of woven wire sheep fencing. The property experiences heavy big game use in the spring, summer, and fall, especially during migration. Deer and elk sometimes become entangled or cause damage when attempting to cross the fence line, which can result in abnormal big game distribution in the area. The project consists of removing .94 miles of existing woven wire fence and clearing the right-of way. A new wildlife-friendly fence that meets HPP specifications for wire spacing will be constructed, including a high visibility top wire and gate crossings. This will increase the ability of big game to move throughout the property without getting caught up, and will help prevent future damage to the fence. The project was approved for \$4,260.00.
2. The committee reviewed a request to use an approved \$600 voucher to purchase gates. The landowner currently uses wire gates to contain livestock, but at high traffic points the gates are frequently damaged or torn down. The committee approved a one-time exception and will allow the voucher to reimburse for gate purchase.

Other Business:

1. The committee reviewed historic fence spending, design, and price per foot.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting November 8th