



**HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
**Canon City Hunter Education Building**

**Committee Members present:**

- Sean Shepherd, Colorado Parks and Wildlife AWM
- Aaron Atwood, Livestock Grower
- Joe Moore, Livestock Grower
- Jeff Williams, BLM Rangeland Management Specialist
- Stephanie Shively, USFS Wildlife Biologist
- Brett McMurry, Livestock Grower
- Ron Goodrich, Sportsman

**Administrative Assistant:**

- Kimberly Berscheid

**Guests:** Patty Knupp (NRCS), Angie Martell (Palmer Land Conservancy), Tyler Kersey (CPW - DWM), Phone: David McNitt (Bird Conservancy of the Rockies)

**Meeting called to order at 10:06 AM**

**Budget Report**

The 2021 budget report was reviewed.

**Old Business**

The meeting minutes from August 24, 2021 were approved by the committee.

**New Business**

**Project Application Proposals and Reviews**

Habitat Restoration – Pikes Peak Conservation Corridor – Angie Martell

Angie is asking HPP for \$8,200 for equipment rental, herbicide, grass seed and contractor fees on the Markus and Clark Ranches. This project would allow for an expansion of existing work with additional treatments that specifically benefit wildlife species, with cross-jurisdictional work on private lands. Palmer Land Conservancy along with Mile High Youth Corps and the

Coalition for the Upper South Platte will work to complete critical forest health mitigation treatments, install and repair wildlife-friendly fencing and remove invasive species on Private lands in the Pikes Peak Conservation Corridor. The site contains critical winter habitat for elk as well as production areas. 15-20 acres will be treated for invasive weeds with natural grass seeds being planted after treatment. The Palmer Land Conservancy will be monitoring the fencing projects to ensure they are built to wildlife friendly specs. A contractor with the Coalition for the Upper South Platte has identified mitigation areas.

Patty Knupp mentioned that the Migratory Bird Treaty Act would prevent habitat work from March 1<sup>st</sup> to July 15<sup>th</sup> unless the Palmer Land Conservancy has a biologist to conduct surveys in the designated mitigation areas. After further discussion Angie and the committee agreed to start the project after July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 to ensure there are no disturbances to nests in the area. The committee has approved the funding for FY23. Angie will advise if her additional funding application with GOCO is approved.

**Ron Goodrich provided his proxy vote to the committee.**

**The project was approved for \$10,000 for Fiscal Year 2023.**

#### **Remaining committee business/other discussion**

David McNitt with the Bird Conservancy of the Rockies asked the committee to review is application for the Riverside Upland Restoration Project. He is not prepared to present it for funding, but would like to get feedback for his future submittal. Additionally, he requested a letter of support that will assist him in securing additional funding. The committee reviewed his application and agreed to provide a letter of support for the project.

The committee would like to have a representative from the RESTORE Colorado Program present at the next meeting.

**The meeting was adjourned at 11:43 AM**

**Next meeting: December 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am at the ~~Canyon City Hunter Education Building~~,  
Phone/Video Conference**

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