



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

October 12th, 2021

6:00 PM

Carnegie Library – Monte Vista

Committee Members Present:

- Brent Woodward, *CPW Representative*
- Mark Bechaver, *Livestock Growers Representative*
- Carol Lee Dugan, *Livestock Growers Representative*
- Richard Davie, *Livestock Growers Representative*
- Dale Gomez, *Sportsperson Representative*
- Eduardo Duran, *BLM Representative*
- Suzanne Beauchaine, *USFWS Representative*

Administrative Assistant: Kimberly Berscheid

Guests: Brent Frankland – CPW Terrestrial Wildlife Biologist.

Budget Report

The 2021 budget report was reviewed.

New Business

Augua Ramon Embargo Well Project – Rick Davies

Rick is asking the committee for \$10,000 to pay for solar pumping equipment and a portion of the well drilling cost for a water development. The project will install a new well and pipe water to 2 tanks to improve livestock and wildlife distribution. Additionally, it will decrease pressure on an adjacent riparian on State Land Board lands and the Forest Service Embargo Allotment. The State Land Board will contribute \$10,000 for well drilling. The Permittee and Forest Service will contribute materials and labor. The State Land Board permittee will manage the project implementation and required maintenance of the structures. The committee also discussed purchasing game cameras to loan out for monitoring.

*Rick Davie abstained from voting. Eduardo Duran provided his vote via proxy to another committee member.

The project was approved for \$10,000 for Fiscal Year 2021.

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Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion

Brent Frankland (CPW Terrestrial Biologist) presented the draft Deer Herd Management Plan for DAU D-36 and Elk Herd Management Plan for DAU E-34. The draft plans are also posted on the Colorado Parks and Wildlife website (<https://cpw.state.co.us/thingstodo/Pages/HerdManagementPlans.aspx>) for review and comments. The committee supported the management plans for Deer and Elk. Dale Gomez will provide a letter of support.

The committee nominated Dale Gomez to be the Chairman Representative. They all agreed he has a lot of institutional knowledge and will do a great job leading the committee.

Next Meeting: December 2nd, 2021, Carnegie Library, 120 Jefferson Street, Monte Vista, CO 81144.

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