



## HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

### North Park HPP Committee

Zoom Video Conference

September 21, 2021

7:00 pm

**North Park HPP Members Present:** Jacob Way- CPW, Todd Peterson- Sportsperson, Tiffany Rubalcaba- BLM, Tara Wertz- USFWS

**Guests:** Jim Murphy, Lance Dunaway

**Introductions:** Committee members, new staff, and guests were introduced.

**General Public Comments:** Tara announced that she had accepted a new position in another state and would no longer be able to serve on the committee. The committee members thanked her for her time and dedication to the North Park HPP Committee.

**Budget Report:** The remaining budget at the start of the meeting was \$82,500.00.

**Old Business:** The minutes from the March 25<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as written.

#### **New Business:**

1. Murphy Stackyard- Jim Murphy presented a 990 stackyard project to prevent future damage to his hay crop. Over the last 4-5 years Jim has experienced damage by elk and moose, primarily in January. The committee further discussed the stackyard design, potential snow drifts, and that the additional gates would be paid for at the landowner's expense. The landowner would like to implement the stackyard this fall. The committee agreed to fund 75% of labor costs to construct the stackyard contingent upon the eligibility and approval for materials from CPW Game Damage.  
\*Administrative note- 75% of labor costs came to a total of \$7,406.25.
2. Dunaway Livestock Fence- Lance Dunaway presented a fence project to replace 4 miles of an existing fence line with wildlife friendly fencing. The property is located in good winter range and usually experiences fence damage in the winter and spring months due to significant elk movement through the area. The committee discussed the benefits of black wire over white wire based on the location of the fence and how much snow was typically in the area. The committee approved funding for 16 rolls of black vinyl wire.  
\*Administrative note- 16 rolls of wire came to total of \$4,350.56.

**Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion:**

1. Voucher Programs-
  - a. Vinyl Wire Vouchers- The committee discussed the Vinyl Wire Voucher Program that has been used in previous years. As an alternative, the committee considered the idea of maintaining a vinyl wire inventory instead of providing vinyl wire reimbursement vouchers. The committee was made aware of the potential for State Council to purchase and provide wire for the committees at the upcoming meeting. The committee decided to table the idea of the wire purchase for inventory and await State Council's decision. Further, the committee decided to combine the Vinyl Wire and Fence Vouchers so that the committee maintained one voucher program that was fully encompassing of fencing materials.
  - b. FY22 Fence Vouchers- Approved for up to \$9,000.00.
2. Upcoming Meeting- The following tentative meeting date and location was selected:  
January 25<sup>th</sup> 1 pm - River Rock Cafe, Walden
3. Future Agenda Item- Ad in The Jackson County Star prior to the North Park Stockgrowers Meeting.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:35 pm.