



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

Grand Mesa HPP Committee

Zoom Videoconference

February 10, 2022 - 1:00 p.m.

Grand Mesa HPP Members Present: Kirk Oldham, CPW; Harley Metz, Sportsman; John Walter, Livestock Grower; Eric Bruton, Livestock Grower

Guests: Kyle Wilson, CPW; Bob Morris, CPW; Michael Blanck, CPW; Lance Woodyard

Introduction: Committee members and guests were introduced. The remaining budget at the start of the meeting was \$19,171.70.

New Business:

1. Eric Bruton presented a fencing project. The project area is used year-round by big game, especially during the winter and calving season, and supports large numbers of elk. The property currently has old degraded interior fencing, which does not properly contain livestock or allow for proper grazing rotation. The fence also presents entanglement risks for big game. The project consists of removing degraded fences and replacing them with new wildlife-friendly fences to HPP specs, including high visibility wire. The fences will allow for better grazing rotation on the property, resulting in increased forage available for both livestock and big game and improved overall habitat quality. Big game will be able to move throughout the property without getting caught in the fences and causing further damage to the property. Because Eric is required to abstain from voting on his project, there was not quorum to approve the project at this meeting and it was tabled.
2. The committee reviewed fertilizer project proposals. There were 29 applicants this year for a total of 4628 acres. The committee approved \$6.03 per acre with a \$4,000 cap on individual recipients, for a total project cost of \$27,906.84.

Roundtable:

1. Kirk Oldham briefly updated the committee on winter conditions.
2. Michael described the HPP legislative update.
3. Don Fulton has retired from the committee. Announcements regarding the vacancy will be posted for the public.

Next meeting: February 18th @ 1:00pm