



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

Upper Yampa River HPP Committee
CPW Office- 925 Weiss Drive Steamboat Springs, CO
July 18, 2022
5:30 pm

Upper Yampa River HPP Members Present: Kyle Bond- CPW, Jeff Clyncke- Livestock Grower, Larry Monger- Livestock Grower, Cedric Damby- Sportsman, Eric Scherff- BLM

Guests: Cam Kuelthau, Laurie Kuelthau

Introductions: Committee members and guests were introduced.

Budget Report: The budget balance at the start of the meeting was \$52,500.

Old Business: The minutes from the June 13th meeting were approved as written.

New Business:

1. Elk Mountain Ranch Pond Development- Cam and Laurie Kuelthau presented a pond development project to implement a water source for livestock and wildlife. Currently, water runoff from two draws pools on an area of the property near the county road that create a mud pit. The pond would serve as a catchment for the runoff from the two draws. The committee posed questions regarding the water rights for the project. The committee stated they would only provide funding if the Division of Water Resources had approved the project and that all necessary approvals and permits were obtained. The project was approved for up to \$7,500.

Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion:

1. Committee Guidelines- The committee determined project guidelines as follows:
 - a. Seeding Projects- The committee would prefer seeding projects that utilize native, wildlife friendly seed mixes or the implementation of food plots.
 - b. Fence Projects- The committee would prefer at least 3 bids be included in fence applications. Additionally, a maximum of up to \$10,000 per fence project was determined, with committee discretion on a case by case basis.
2. White Wire Inventory- The committee approved the purchase of 25 rolls of white wire to replenish inventory. The final amount was unknown at the time of approval, pending vendor quote.
*Administrative note- The wire purchase came to a total of \$7,682.
3. Committee Chair- The committee will assess its Chair appointment at the next meeting that has full committee attendance.

4. Upcoming Meeting- The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for August 22nd.

Roundtable: The committee discussed the upcoming HPP biannual meeting. Additionally, the committee discussed ideas for future tours of previously completed projects.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:20 pm.