

HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

Montelores HPP Committee Zoom Videoconference March 1, 2022 5:30 p.m.

<u>HPP Members Present</u>: Tanner Young, livestock grower; Nate West, BLM; Andy Brown, CPW; Eldon Simmons, livestock grower

Guests: Oma Fleming, Kenny Smith

Introductions & Budget Report:

Committee members and guests were introduced. The remaining budget at the start of the meeting was \$46,031.25.

New Business:

- 1. Oma Fleming presented the annual herbicide cost-share program for Dove Creek Weed Control District. The county funds herbicide cost-share on properties west of the Dolores River, however there is no funding for the east side. Oma noted that the program has been especially successful with absentee landowners. Primary weed species that will be targeted include Russian thistle, Canada thistle, and musk thistle. The proposal is to continue funding the program in FY23. The project was approved for \$5,000 for herbicide purchase in FY22. The committee also requested that Oma track the number of acres treated, and display the results on a map.
- 2. Fertilizer applications were approved as follows:
- Brian Wilson 413 acres \$4,000.00 (Was approved FY21 but no water reapproved for FY22)
- Landan Wilson 273 acres \$4,000.00 (Was approved FY21 but no water reapproved for FY22)
- James Snyder 350 acres \$4,000.00
- Joe Lanier 220 acres \$3,300.00
- Dillon Oliver 350 acres \$4,000.00
- Kevin McComb 120 acres \$1,800.00
- Breen McComb 150 acres \$2,250.00
- Larry Pickens Box Bar Ranch 350 acres \$4,000.00
- James Oliver 252 acres \$3,780.00
- Terry Pickens Mill Iron Ranch 315 acres -\$4,000.00

Next Meeting: May 10, 2022 @ 6:30pm