



## HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

### Northwest Colorado HPP Committee

Zoom Video Conference

March 8, 2022

6:00 pm

**Northwest Colorado HPP Members Present:** Evan Jones- CPW, Sean Durham- Livestock Grower, Chad Green- Livestock Grower, Gary Visintainer- Livestock Grower, Toni Toelle- BLM, Curtis Keetch- USFS

**Guests:** Johnathan Lambert- CPW, Bill Self, John Allen, Allan Reishus

**Introductions:** Committee members and guests were introduced.

**Budget Report:** The budget was fully encumbered at the August 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. All additional budget encumbrances for FY22, through June 30, 2022, will be funded with approval from Michael Blanck, HPP Manager.

**Old Business:** The minutes from the August 16<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as written.

#### **New Business:**

1. Spring Gulch Ranch Water Development Phase II- Bill Self presented the second phase of the Spring Gulch Water Development project set to begin in July 2022 (FY23). The committee had funded the first portion of the water development project. This project would be a continuation that would implement additional pipe from existing storage tanks to 3 additional tanks. The committee expressed that they would like to see at least a fifty-fifty cost share and would like the project costs broken down further. The committee tabled the project for further review once the requested updates had been made to the project application.
2. Allen Ranch Water Development- John Allen presented a water development project to implement a new well and pump system. Existing water sources have experienced heavy use from livestock and wildlife in the area which has caused compaction and overgrazing. The addition of a new well will aid in the distribution of big game and wildlife across the landscape and promote forage consumption in previously underutilized areas. The committee approved the project for up to \$14,300.80 contingent upon successfully drilling a producing well.

#### **Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion:**

1. Fence Vouchers- The committee approved an additional \$5,000.00 for the fence voucher program which brings the total allocation to \$45,000.00 for FY22.
2. Pond Vouchers- The committee approved the addition of pond lining to the pond voucher program which previously only allowed for pond cleaning.

3. White Wire Inventory- The committee approved the purchase of 25 rolls of white vinyl wire for committee inventory.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:30 pm.