



## HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

**Upper Yampa River HPP Committee**  
CPW Office- 925 Weiss Drive Steamboat Springs, CO  
March 14, 2022  
5:30 pm

**Upper Yampa River HPP Members Present:** Kyle Bond- CPW, Jeff Clyncke- Livestock Grower, Larry Monger- Livestock Grower, Nita Naugle- Livestock Grower

**Guests:** Michael Blanck- CPW, Justin Pollock- CPW, David Fordyce, David Albright, Doug Monger

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

**Budget Report:** The budget at the start of the meeting was \$47,194.13.

**Old Business:** The minutes from the February 28<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as written.

### **New Business:**

1. Horizon Elk Ranch Seeding- David Fordyce presented a seeding project on approximately 210 acres. The project aimed to convert a smooth brome grass pasture to an alfalfa pasture for the deer, elk, and pronghorn herds in the area. The committee expressed issues with the choice of an alfalfa monoculture and various concerns related to its implementation in the area. The committee would prefer to see a native seed mix implemented for wildlife. Additionally, the committee was concerned that the seeding would potentially cause wildlife conflict in the future and result in game damage claims being filed due to an HPP funded project. The committee would like to see other seed mixes considered as well as consultation and recommendations provided from the NRCS before considering the project for approval. The project was denied and tabled for a later meeting if the applicant would like to reapply.

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

1. Future Agenda Item- Seeding Project Guidelines: Subsequently, following the project that was presented, the committee would like to discuss UYRHPP guidelines for seeding projects.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:10 pm.