

HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

Upper Yampa River HPP Committee CPW Office- 925 Weiss Drive Steamboat Springs, CO May 16, 2022 5:30 pm

<u>Upper Yampa River HPP Members Present:</u> Kyle Bond- CPW (proxy), Jeff Clyncke- Livestock Grower, Larry Monger- Livestock Grower, Cedric Damby- Sportsperson, Eric Scherff- BLM

Guests: Baili Foster- USFS

Introductions: Committee members and guests were introduced.

<u>Budget Report:</u> The budget at the start of the meeting was \$47,194.13.

Old Business: The minutes from the March 14th meeting were approved as written.

New Business:

1. Clyncke Bros Fertilizer- Jeff Clyncke presented a project to offset game damage on hay production for Clyncke Bros Hay Company. Over the last several years, the operation has experienced extensive game damage due to deer and elk forage consumption. Despite ongoing cooperation with CPW annually and continued efforts to haze big game, the damage to the growing crops is significant every year. The committee made a onetime exception to increase the project amount due to the significant increase in fertilizer costs this year. Jeff abstained from the approval decision. The project was approved for up to \$15,000.00.

Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion:

- 1. USFS Committee Member Vacancy- The committee appointed Baili Foster to serve as the new USFS representative on the committee.
- 2. Upcoming Meetings-
 - May 19th A conference call was tentatively scheduled for May 19th at noon for one project proposal.
 - June 13th- A meeting was tentatively scheduled for June 13th at 5:30 pm to review all committee rules and guidelines and FY23 voucher programs.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:00 pm.