



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES
September 1, 2022
Colorado Parks and Wildlife - Pueblo Hunter Education Building

Committee Members present:

- Cody Purcell, Colorado Parks and Wildlife Representative
- Terry Everhart, Livestock Grower
- Kenn Lutz, Livestock Grower
- Paul Coe, Sportsperson
- John Stroh II, Livestock Grower
- Jeff Outhier, USFS
- Glenda Torres, BLM

Administrative Assistant:

- Kimberly Berscheid

Guests: Josh Strapp - Landowner

Meeting called to order by John Stroh at 10:03 AM

Budget Report

The 2022 final budget and 2023 budget reports were reviewed.

New Business

Cody Purcell, District Wildlife Manager (Colorado City/Rye) introduced himself as the new CPW rep for the SDC committee. He recently transferred into this district and is looking forward to working with everyone.

Project Application Proposals and Reviews

Andorra Ranch - Josh Strapp

Josh is asking the committee for \$12,227 to pay for materials on 1.25 miles of new wildlife friendly fencing. The fence is located along County Rd. 520 and was previously unfenced causing trespassing and livestock issues. The committee discussed the logistics, location and need for the fence and came to the decision that it does not meet the requirements for the committee to approve. However, they will approve white wire to utilize on the fence. Josh was encouraged to come back with other projects in the future and the committee apologized for the inconvenience.

The project was denied approval for reimbursement and approved for white wire (1.25 miles).

Fence Vouchers

The program has been done annually to provide landowners with reimbursements for fencing materials to repair fences damaged by big game. DWMs or committee members can sign and hand out vouchers to eligible landowners. Landowners must be engaged in agriculture production or livestock operations within SDC HPP boundaries, and they must allow some hunting access (cannot charge more than \$500 per gun for hunting access, vouchers or services). Landowners are allowed one voucher per year with a maximum of \$600 per voucher. Vouchers can only be used once, unused funds are forfeited, and only eligible materials will be reimbursed.

The committee voted to continue the program with a limit of \$600 per landowner. Total project limit is \$10,000 for Fiscal Year 23.

The committee will also continue the stockpile program in which landowners are allowed to take white vinyl wire and/or tire tanks from the committee stockpile to be used for projects in the SDC area. Vouchers must be completely filled out and returned to Kimberly Berscheid as soon as the materials are received. Vouchers can be approved by DWMs or committee members, but only CPW staff is authorized to distribute materials. Limit 1 roll of white vinyl wire per landowner per year. Landowners are allowed a materials voucher and a reimbursement voucher in the same year.

Meals/Operating Expenses

The committee voted to allocate \$500 for working meeting meals and \$500 for committee operating expenses, including committee member recognition.

Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion

The committee discussed sending Fence and Materials Pick-up vouchers directly to the DWMs in the area. It was decided that this will be the distribution process moving forward. Kimberly Berscheid will email them directly as requested.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:30a

The next meeting will be held on: January 12, 2023 at Lathrop State Park.

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