



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

Grand Mesa HPP Committee Meeting

April 27, 2023 at 1:00 pm

Grand Junction, CO

Committee Members Present:

- Ivan Archer - CPW
- Eric Bruton - Livestock Grower
- Joe Fazzi - Livestock Grower
- Vacant - Livestock Grower
- Harley Metz - Sportsman
- Erin Kowalski - BLM
- Heidi Plank - USFS

Attendees Present:

Judy and Ronald Galloway
Michael Tornes, Duke Wheeler,
Forrest Towns, Russel Knight,
Kyle Wilson

Administrative Assistant Present:

Kale Watson

Introductions

Committee members and guests were introduced.

Budget Report

The budget balance at the start of the meeting was \$13,189.75.

Old Business

The minutes from the March 22nd meeting were approved as written.

New Business

Galloway Fence- Ronald and Judy Galloway presented a fence project to the committee. The property is located in important big game habitat and experiences year-round use by elk and deer. The property has a resident elk herd on the property that is hard on the fences. The existing fence is old and worn out and not holding livestock out from neighboring properties anymore. The project involves re-building about .75 of a mile of fence to wildlife-friendly specs. **The project was approved for \$7,559.30.**

Tornes Fence- Michael Tornes presented a fence project to the committee. The property experience year-round use by elk and deer. The current fence is dilapidated and no longer holds cattle in on the property. The scope of the project includes building a new wildlife-friendly fence to keep cattle on the property while also allowing big game to cross with ease. **The project was approved for \$6,884.10.**

*Administrative note- \$1,253.65 of the project was approved by the HPP Manager.

Mamm Creek Seeding- Duke Wheeler presented a seeding project to the committee. The property sits in important big game habitat and experiences year-round use by elk and deer. Seeding will increase the productivity of the field and increase the amount of feed available for big game. **The project was approved for \$1,665.00 to purchase seed.**

*Administrative note- \$1,665.00 of the project was approved by the HPP Manager.

FY23 Fence Vouchers- **The committee raised the fence voucher budget by \$6,000.00 making the project total \$15,900.00.**

*Administrative note- \$6,000.00 of the project was approved by the HPP Manager.

Remaining Committee Business

Livestock Interviews- the Grand Mesa Committee held interviews to fill the vacant Livestock position. The committee selected Forrest Towns.

Roundtable

Game Damage- The committee had a discussion about game damage.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.