



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

North Park HPP Committee Meeting
January 24, 2023 at 6:00 pm
Walden, CO

Committee Members Present:

- Jacob Way - CPW
- Jim Baller Jr. - Livestock Grower
- Blaine Evans - Livestock Grower
- Danny Meyring - Livestock Grower
- Todd Peterson - Sportsman
- Tiffany Rubalcaba - BLM
- Vacant - USFS
- Keely Lopez - USFWS

Attendees Present:

Michael Blanck - CPW
Zach Weaver - CPW
Eric VanNatta - CPW
Chris Olds - USFS

Administrative Assistant Present:

Marian Cole

Introductions

Committee members and attendees were introduced.

Budget Report

The remaining budget balance at the start of the meeting was \$53,047.50.

Old Business

Minutes- The minutes from the April 7th, May 12th, and July 14th meetings were approved as written.

North Park Registered Herefords Stackyard- The committee had funded 75% of the labor to construct this stackyard and materials were provided by CPW Game Damage. The committee reviewed a request for reimbursement of the additional materials purchased to complete the stackyard as it was stated that not enough posts were provided. The committee discussed whether or not the stackyard was built to specifications and that they would like some additional information. Jacob stated he would take a look at the stackyard and try to obtain additional insight. The discussion was tabled pending additional information.

Remaining Committee Business

D-3 North Park Deer Herd Management Plan- Eric VanNatta presented the draft D-3 North Park Deer Herd Management Plan. The committee discussed the plan in depth and was ultimately in support of the draft alternatives to expand the current population objective and maintain the sex ratio range. A comment letter was drafted to reflect the committee's support of the draft plan.

Committee Member Vacancies- The committee discussed the new vacancies of the BLM and USFS committee members.

HPP Update- The committee discussed the program updates and expansion through the passage of House Bill 22-1072.

Jackson County Star Newspaper Ad- The committee discussed posting its annual newspaper advertisement to call for applications in advance of the North Park Stockgrowers meeting. The committee selected an application deadline of March 15th. The committee approved an advertisement of approximately 10 column inches and the associated dollar amount.

Upcoming Meeting- The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for March 22nd.

Roundtable

The committee discussed several items including the HPP Statewide Conference, CPW updates including the draft wolf plan open for public comment and upcoming big game captures and collaring efforts, USFWS refuge update, and USFS staffing updates.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:25 pm.