



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

Gunnison Basin HPP Committee Meeting
July 19, 2023 at 12:00 pm
Gunnison, CO

Committee Members Present:

- Nick Gallowich - CPW
- Paul Mowery - Livestock Grower
- Steven Guerrieri - Livestock Grower
- Shane Cox - Livestock Grower
- Navid Navidi - Sportsperson
- Kathy Brodhead - BLM
- Dayle Funka - USFS

Attendees Present:

Brandon Diamond- CPW
Clayton Bondurant- CPW
Terry- USFS
Aiden- USFS

Administrative Assistant Present:

Kale Watson

Introductions

Committee members and guests were introduced.

Budget Report

The budget balanced at the start of the meeting was \$140,000.00.

Old Business

Minutes- The minutes from the May 2nd meeting were approved as written.

Harris Allotment Fence- Kathy Brodhead gave the committee a quick update on the Harris Allotment Fence project.

New Business

Alkali Basin & Soap Creek Weed Treatment-The committee reviewed an annual weed control project from the USFS. This projects aim to target spotted knapweed, yellow toadflax, and Canada thistle infestations in the Alkali Basin. The Alkali Basin experiences heavy use by elk and deer year-round and provides big game winter range. The treatment will allow for more forage for big game and prevent the spread of noxious weeds. **The project was approved for \$5,000.00.**

Soap Creek Weed Treatment- The committee reviewed another annual weed control project from the USFS in the Soap Creek area. Deer and elk utilize the area year-round and current noxious weed infestations are causing a decline in forage quality

and quantity. This project aims to spray various noxious weeds. **The project was approved for \$5,000.00.**

FY24 Voucher Programs- The committee reviewed and approved voucher programs as follows:

- a) Pond Vouchers- The committee decided to do away with pond vouchers and have interested applicants come to the table with a project application.
- b) Fence Vouchers- **The committee approved \$10,000.00 for fence vouchers, distributed in \$500.00 increments; up to 3 vouchers per landowner annually.**
- c) Herbicide Vouchers- **The committee approved \$4,000.00 for herbicide vouchers, distributed in \$200.00 increments.**

Remaining Committee Business

Deer Herd Management Plan- Brandon Diamond talked with the committee about the coming Deer Herd Management Plan and wants to meet with the committee again sometime soon to go over the plan.

Big Game Season Structure- The committee had a short discussion about big game season structure and how they would like to submit a comment letter.

Meeting Schedule-

The next meeting is scheduled for August 16, 2023, at the Gunnison CPW Office.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:40 pm.