



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

Lower Colorado River HPP Committee Meeting
July 19, 2023 at 1:00 pm
CPW Office - Glenwood Springs, CO

Committee Members Present:

- Darren Chacon - CPW
- Scot Dodero - Livestock Grower
- Pat Luark - Livestock Grower
- Jim Nieslanik - Livestock Grower
- Rick Bumgardner - Sportsman
- Nick Jaramillo - BLM
- Phil Nyland - USFS

Attendees Present:

- Michael Blanck - CPW
- Matt Yamashita - CPW
- Jake Stanton - CPW
- Marian Cole - CPW

Administrative Assistant Present:

Kimberly Berscheid

Introductions

Committee members and attendees were introduced. Kimberly Berscheid will be the administrative assistant for the committee as of July 1, 2024.

Budget Report

The budget balance at the start of the meeting was \$132,500.

Old Business

The minutes from the March 28th meeting were approved as written.

New Business

CPW Area 8 SWA Weed Control- Darren Chacon presented a continuation of the weed control project to treat approximately 600 acres in the Basalt and Gypsum Ponds SWAs. The ongoing weed treatment will improve feed and forage for elk and deer utilizing the properties. The Area will continue to work with neighboring properties to address infestations and promote treatment to increase long-term success. Darren Chacon abstained from the approval decision. The project was approved for up to \$15,000 from the State Council SWA fund.

FY24 Voucher Programs- The committee discussed the voucher program and decided to reduce the project totals due to a lack of utilization. The committee agreed to allow amounts to be raised if funds are still available at the discretion of the Admin.

1. FY24 Fence Vouchers- Approved for up to \$5,000 with the following tiers:

- >160 acres \$ 200.00
 - 161-600 acres \$ 300.00
 - 601-1000 acres \$ 400.00
 - 1001+ acres \$ 600.00
2. FY24 Herbicide Vouchers- Approved for up to \$5,000 with the following tiers:
- >160 acres \$ 200.00
 - 161-600 acres \$ 300.00
 - 601-1000 acres \$ 400.00
 - 1001+ acres \$ 600.00
3. FY24 Pond Vouchers- Approved for up to \$10,000.

Remaining Committee Business

Upcoming Meeting- The next meeting was scheduled for August 23, 2023, at 11:00 am, at the Gypsum Public Library.

Roundtable

Jim Nieslanik announced that he would be retiring from the committee. The position must be publicly announced, and interviews will be conducted at the next committee meeting. Interested parties should contact Kimberly Berscheid to be placed on the list.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:45 pm.