



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

Uncompahgre HPP Committee Meeting

March 22, 2023 at 6:30 pm

Montrose, CO

Committee Members Present:

- Kelly Crane - CPW
- Bob Black - Livestock Grower
- Dave Alexander - Livestock Grower
- Todd Stewart - Livestock Grower
- Bobby Gray - Sportsman
- Thane Stranathan - BLM
- Loren Paulson - USFS

Attendees Present:

Mark Caddy, Zack Prock
Howard Hughes, Kevin Quintana
Trace Griffith, Brandi Griffith

Administrative Assistant Present:

Kale Watson

Introductions

Committee members and guests were introduced.

Budget Report

The budget balance at the start of the meeting was \$98,350.00

Old Business

The minutes from the November 9th meeting were approved as written.

New Business

Marolf Fence- The committee reviewed a fence project from Ella Marolf. The scope of the project included repairing existing fences and gates that were damaged during elk and deer migrations. The property experiences elk year-round and deer seasonally. **The project was approved for up to \$4,000.00.**

North Mountain/Lone Cone Fence- Zach Prock and Howard Hughes presented a fence project to the committee. The scope of the projects includes replacing 4 miles of fence and adding 6 fence crossings. The existing fence is old and in disrepair and is too tall for big game to cross safely. The property experiences large herds of elk and deer that utilize the property and travel back and forth between adjoining properties during the spring, summer, and fall. The new fence will be built to wildlife-friendly specs, allowing wildlife to cross easier and keep livestock in designated pastures. **The project was approved for up to \$9,800.00 and 8 rolls of white wire.**

K-TAB Fence- Trace and Brandi Griffith presented a fence project to the committee. The scope of the project would include building .5 miles of new wildlife-friendly fence. The property experiences elk and deer year-round and is located on a major big game corridor. This new fence will keep livestock on the property and allow big game to safely cross. **The project was approved for up to \$3,200.00 and 2 rolls of white wire.**

Quintana Pond Improvement- Kevin Quintana presented a pond improvement project to the committee. The property is located in an important big game migration corridor and experiences year-round use by elk and deer. The project involves sealing a pond that no longer holds water as it should. Bentonite application was tried previously and was not entirely successful. **The project was approved for up to \$3,000.00 for a polymer application.**

Fertilizer Vouchers- The committee reviewed fertilizer voucher applications. There were 16 applicants for a total of 3,442 acres. **The committee approved \$9.41 per acre with a \$5,000.00 cap, for a project cost of \$32,400.00.**

Remaining Committee Business

White-wire Inventory- The committee discussed its white-wire inventory and decided to order another pallet from State Council to have on hand.

Meeting Schedule- The next meeting is scheduled for May 3, 2023, at 6:30 pm, at the Montrose CPW Office.

Roundtable

Virtual Fence- The committee discussed virtual fencing and the possibility of projects coming to the table in the future.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.