



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES
Eagle Library-600 Broadway St, Eagle, CO
Thursday April 6, 2017
1:00pm

Introductions: Members attending the meeting were: Hilary Boyd/BLM, DWM Darren Chacon/CPW, Pat Luark/Livestock Grower, Scot Doderer/Livestock Grower, Jim Nieslanik/Livestock Grower, Rick Bumgardner/Sportsperson and Samantha Sorensen/Admin.

Guests attending the meeting were: AWM Perry Will/CPW, DWM Dan Cacho/CPW, DWM Brian Gray/CPW, DWM Craig Wescoatt/CPW, Dick and Stephanie Piffer, Kristy Wallner/BLM, Stephen Jaouen/USDA, and Clayton Gerard.

General Public Comments: N/A

Budget Report: Samantha presented committee members with a budget report; beginning balance was \$79,457.50. Project updates were given and Hilary Boyd explained that there's nothing more she can do to expedite the appeal on the EA for the Pump Gulch PJ Removal project; may need to amend the contract into next year. Mule Deer Foundation funding would still be available.

Old Business: Minutes from January 12th were presented to committee members and approved as written.

New Business: A number of proposals that were listed on the agenda were not presented, those projects were: Canyon Creek Habitat Improvements, Hood Ranch Habitat Improvements, FitzPatrick Gulch Fence, and Pastures LLC Conservation Easement.

Jacobson Ranch Water Development: Also known as Deep Creek Ranch Pipeline was presented by Dick Piffer. Asking HPP for \$5463.00 to help pay for the installation of a water pipeline needed to move water onto the ranch. Dick mentioned that he does have storage rights and that the pipeline would be buried. The committee approved to reimburse Dick up to \$5463.00 for materials, labor and/or equipment needed to construct the pipeline.

Red Hill Ponds Salt Seal: Kristy Wallner presented the project with the assistance of Clayton Gerard. Last year 23 ponds were cleaned out on Red Hill Common, which LCR HPP helped pay for. They've watched the ponds and would like to purchase more salt and some bentonite to better seal the ponds. A truck load is estimated to cost \$5,000.00, asking HPP to contribute \$3,500. The plan is to divide the salt between allotments and use bentonite when they come

across shale; plan to salt the inlet too. Application does not include labor. The committee approved to pay up to \$3,500.00 for salt and/or bentonite.

Clynckes Bear River Ranch Fertilizer: Darren explained to the committee that Upper Yampa HPP had already approved their half of the project and so per their past agreement the Lower CO River committee would also approve to pay up to \$5,000.00 for fertilizer.

Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion: Deadlines-End of Fiscal Year: Samantha mentioned that any purchase order requests will need to be submitted by May 22nd.

Select Next Meeting Date: The committee decided on May 10th at 1PM in GWS and July 5th at 1pm location TBD.

Darren announced that the Area 8 volunteer banquet will be held on May 24th. Samantha was asked to send members an email reminder.

The committee discussed the need for projects and that the 50/50 cost share may be a deterrent. Darren pointed out that the 50/50 cost share is not a requirement.

Roundtable: Jim asked about resident license fees. Bill was introduced today, Perry asked for support.

Craig mentioned that the elk population on one side of I-70 is tanking; asking for help on calf counts.

Perry gave an update on status of predator study.

Pat and Jim both felt that the state should start issuing bear tags to out of state elk hunters.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 1:47PM.