



**HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES**  
**South Park Committee**  
**April 12th, 2017**  
**Fairplay Fair Barn**

**Committee members present:**

- John Woodward, Livestock grower (via phone)
- Tyler Stoltzfus, CPW
- Webb Smith, Livestock grower
- Randy Tingle, Sports person
- Christine Cloninger, BLM
- Steve Allard, Livestock grower
- Sheila Lamb, USFS

**Administrator: Hanna Cook, Administrative Assistant**

**Guests: Karl Copeman (CPW-Wildlife Technician), Ian Petkash (CPW-DWM), Pat Tucker (HPP Coordinator), Adam Shirley (landowner), Daniele Garner (landowner), Lauren Kokinda (USFS-South Park Range Technician), Mark Lamb (CPW-AWM)**

Meeting called to order by John Woodward at 10:00 AM

**General Public Comments**

None

**Budget Report**

2017 budget report was reviewed

**Old Business**

Outstanding projects were reviewed. All projects are still projected to be completed by the end of the fiscal year, with the exception of the Bar Star Land water development which is unknown. The committee and the administrative assistant are trying to get in touch with the landowner to confirm that this project will still be completed and to get the documents required to submit a purchase order request. The committee agreed that if the purchase order is not submitted by May 1<sup>st</sup>, they will withdraw funding for the project so that the funds can be reallocated to other projects. The landowner will be notified of this as soon as possible.

Sheila Lamb has secured matching funds from the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation for the USFS fence removal project that was approved at the last South Park HPP meeting. The project was originally approved for fiscal year 2018, but the committee

agreed that the funds can come from the 2017 budget now that Sheila has secured the pending matching funds. The committee approved Sheila to begin the project and spend as much of the approved \$5,000 budget as possible in fiscal year 2017.

### **New Business**

#### **Project Application Proposals and Reviews**

##### **Dennis Springer Fence project-rollover to fiscal year 2018**

This project was previously approved for fiscal year 2017 with the condition that the landowner would not be reimbursed for fencing materials until the State Land Board confirmed that they would be drilling a well on the property. The State Land Board notified the committee that they would be unable to drill the well until fiscal year 2018. With that information, the committee agreed to move the project from FY 2017 to FY 2018. Dennis Springer will be able to request reimbursement for fencing materials in FY 2018 once State Land Board has drilled their well.

##### **James Mark Jones SWA Habitat Improvement 2018-Karl Copeman**

This is an annual project that has been done for several years on the James Mark Jones State Wildlife Area. The project will use mechanical treatments to rejuvenate forage and improve aspen regeneration. Last year, the project resulted in treatment of 145.58 total acres. Elk have been staying on the public lands more, so the project has proven to be successful and achieve the desired goals. There may be a possibility for burns on the treatment area in the future.

**The committee approved this project for \$13,000 for fiscal year 2018.**

#### **Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion**

Pat Tucker updated the committee on some upcoming changes and clarifications that the HPP State Council settled on. HPP committees currently focus on funding projects that solve agricultural/big game conflict, particularly relating to deer, elk, pronghorn, and moose. The State Council has agreed that it will be beneficial for committees to also consider the other objective listed in the statute, which is helping the division (CPW) meet game management objectives. In the past, committees have turned down projects because there is not a direct agricultural conflict. However, the State Council has decided to expand the scope of acceptable projects to include those that help achieve game management objectives, even if there is not a direct agricultural conflict. Committees should still focus on resolving agricultural conflicts, but they will now be able to fund projects concerning game management objectives at their discretion. Pat Tucker will send information out to committee members soon, and these changes will go into effect on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

Pat Tucker let the committee know that the HPP annual meeting will be held in Grand Junction on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> of this year.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 AM

The next meeting will be held on May 10th at 10:00 AM on a conference call; Regular meeting July 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM at the Fairplay Community Center

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