



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

Montelores HPP Committee

Dolores Public Lands Center, Dolores, CO

March 13th, 2017

5:30 p.m.

HPP Members Present: Andy Brown, CPW; Tanner Young, Ag Producer; John Sheek, Sportsman; Ivan Messinger, USFS; George West, Ag Producer; Eldon Simmons, Ag Producer

Guests: Pat Tucker, CPW; Ben Lanier, Kevin McComb, Dan Long, James Snyder, Dalton Daves

Introductions & Budget Report:

Committee members and guests were introduced. Katie gave a budget report and updates on current projects.

New Business:

Project Application Proposals and Reviews:

1. Ben Lanier attended the meeting with a proposal for a pond cleanout; however the project was tabled until estimates for the work could be obtained and the project application form completed. There are two ponds that Mr. Lanier would like to complete, and receive heavy elk use throughout the year.
2. The original fertilizer budget was \$23,600.00, and the current remaining amount for the project budget was \$5,935.00. There were three fertilizer applications which exceeded the remaining funds, and the committee discussed whether to approve those projects from FY17's budget, or approve the applications for FY18. Discussion also included how to continue improving the parameters for the fertilizer program. The committee elected to increase the budget to cover the existing applications, and may continue to approve additional fertilizer vouchers in FY17 depending on remaining available funds. The following fertilizer vouchers were approved: Danny Long, \$600.00; Kevin McComb, \$1800.00; Dalton Daves, \$4000.00.

Roundtable:

1. The committee discussed what types of project proposals they would like to see. Water developments were noted as a highly beneficial project, but should be avoided west of Hwy 491 to avoid holding more elk.

2. Ivan Messinger is working on a seeding project proposal for USFS. Additionally, there may be a larger scale burn project in the future.
3. Pat Tucker informed the committee that the statewide HPP meeting will be December 5th – 7th in Grand Junction, and gave updates on the proposed CPW license fee increase. No formal proposals are in place at the moment. Further information will be released as it becomes available.

Next Meeting: April 13, 2017 - 6:30pm