



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES
Craig Chamber of Commerce-360 East Victory Way
March 14, 2017
6:03PM

Introductions: **Members attending the meeting were:** DWM Evan Jones/CPW, Chad Green/Livestock Grower, Gary Visintainer/Livestock Grower, Gary Nichols/Sportsperson and Samantha Sorensen/Admin.
Guests attending the meeting were: Mike Swaro/CPW, Mark Voloshin, Jake and Carol Haskins.

General Public Comments: N/A

Budget Report: Committee members were presented with a budget report that reflected \$35,069.72 was remaining. Samantha let everyone know that since the report had been printed remaining funds from Spring Gulch Ranch Brush Manipulation and Knez Divide Seeding had been unencumbered and so the adjusted remaining budget is \$35,348.97.

Old Business: The minutes from February 15th were presented and approved as written.

New Business: Voloshin Ranch Spring Development: Mark Voloshin presented his project proposal to the committee. He explained that the project would involve distributing water to two other locations in addition to the well head. He believes the project would better distribute wildlife by providing elk with longer grazing in the fall which would help keep them out of the feeding areas for cattle. Estimate does not include tanks. Additional work not reflected in the Camblin quote was the pump costs. Mark said that the pipeline will be about 4,286 feet in length with 1 tank higher than the well. When asked about hunting access on the property Mark explained that outfitters have access and typically during late season they will allow family, friends and youth to hunt the property as well. The committee also asked Mark if they'd funded a water project for him in the past; he pointed out that they'd looked at doing a one in the past but because it was too big they never did it. He added that this project may get bigger if more funds become available. Evan expressed that he likes all projects in the Knez Divide area. The committee approved \$6,678.29 for the project. Mark Voloshin left the meeting at 6:15PM.

Haskins Water Project: Carol and Jake Haskins presented their project proposal to the committee. They explained that they would like to drill a well and distribute water to two tanks at the center of each parcel North and South of Hwy 40. Partially buried storage would prevent freezing and the freeze proof system would allow for year round usage. The area is primarily antelope habitat though Jake has given permission to a few cow elk hunters but they've never returned so he doesn't believe they were successful. He believes that a water source on the plateau would benefit the surrounding dry country. They are finishing up with fence construction on the property and they may have another individual interested in spring and fall pasture is a water source goes in. Main intent is to run livestock. Samantha let the committee know that their remaining budget was \$28,670.68. Jake said that he plans to have Travis Day drill the well; he's worked with him on a few White River projects. Evan asked Jake to explain

the bond process. Chad liked the idea of water on both sides of the highway; lessens the draw of animals across the road. Gary V. voiced concern about a lack of conflict. Evan and Mike were unaware of any game damage conflicts in the area. Gary N. suggested knocking out the bond then split that remaining balance. Gary V. stated again that he was concerned about a lack of conflict. Chad said the committee has done lots of these projects. Evan noted that the project would help distribute wildlife across more of the landscape. Jake pointed out that currently the only water source is the river. Gary V. said he could support the project as long as the Haskins were okay with holding more wildlife; they did not object to it. Jake was confident the project could be completed by June 30th and asked if anyone would need to verify its completion; the committee pointed out that Nate Martinez is the officer for the area. The committee approved \$28,500.00 for the project.

Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion: Samantha went over end of year deadlines and reminded everyone of the next State Council meeting as well as the Statewide HPP meeting in December.

Evan let the committee know that Ray Owens had called to say he was stepping down. Members discussed potential candidates and agreed they would spread the word. Samantha let them know they'd need to hold interviews if more than one individual showed interest.

Roundtable: N/A

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:15PM.