



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES
USFS in Walden, CO
May 30, 2017
6:00pm

Introductions: Members present were: DWM Josh Dilley/CPW, Danny Meyring/livestock grower, Jimmer Baller/livestock grower, Todd Peterson/sportsperson (via phone), Darrell Freeman/USFS and Samantha Sorensen/CPW admin. (via phone).

Guests present were: Tara Wertz/USFWS, Reece Hartman, Sharon Harvat and Seth Schwolert/CPW.

General Public Comments: N/A

Budget: Samantha announced the budget report. The funds remaining for FY17 was \$60,835.25 and for FY18 was \$75,000.00.

Old Business: Minutes: Members were provided with draft minutes from the March 31st meeting. Minutes were approved with one minor correction.

New Business: Select Contractor-Gruber Fence: Darrell attended the bid show with Josh so he could become familiar with the process. Two bids were passed around to committee members, one from Desert Stone and Fence the other from Rocky Mountain Fence Co. Josh pointed out that the bids were extremely different and he believes the footage difference is due to DSF taking gates out and RMFC leaving gates in. Josh had no doubt they both knew what they were bidding on. The committee approved the bid from Rocky Mountain Fence Co. Josh will relay the committee's decision to both companies and Samantha will work with RMFC on paperwork. Materials from Game Damage have not been delivered yet.

Harvat Stackyard: Josh Dilley and Sharon Harvat explained to the committee that there had been moose getting into the stack next to the house and eventually the stack tumbled. A claim was submitted to Game Damage but a permanent solution would be to build a stackyard. Sharon requested a 990' and explained they would need to move the stack lower on the property to accommodate fencing. They may need to snowplow the road but more than likely they would leave that hay until spring. Josh asked if they would consider allowing moose hunters on the property. Sharon said she would need to speak with John and their partner first but they do allow other hunters. The Harvats are eligible for Game Damage so the committee

approved to pay for labor to construct the 990' stackyard. Sharon believed selecting a contractor would be best rather than the ranch building it themselves. Sam and Josh will work on an invitation to bid advertisement. Construction window will be from September 1-30.

Castle Peak Resources Stackyard: Reece explained that their stackyard situation looks good except for east of the Michigan River which he refers to as the Sage Hen Unit. There he has to travel 3 miles with hay to the closest protected yard. They have a lot of elk and moose on the property. Reece doesn't believe that a 990' would be big enough to accommodate all of the hay harvested on the Sage Hen Unit; he went on to say he needs enough room to clear snow around the edges and adhere to insurance requirements. They had 10 hunters come out last year, free of charge, but only 1 cow elk was harvested. The neighbors did well though. Reece would agree to allow moose hunters on the property in the future. Jimmer suggested combining a 990' with a 660'. Castle Peak is eligible for materials through Game Damage. The committee approved to pay a contractor to build the 990'/330' stackyard. Old fence removal will be the landowner's responsibility and Josh asked Reece to stake off corners. Sam and Josh will combine the invitation to bid and bid show with Harvat's. Jimmer mentioned game damage fencing for next year and Josh mentioned vinyl coated wire.

Russell Game Damage Fencing: Josh explained that Russell inquired about fencing after the deadline had passed. Josh wouldn't mind providing him with a couple rolls of barbed wire left over from a past project. Danny expressed that he would like to hold fast to the deadline but he'd be okay with Josh giving Russell a few left over rolls this one time only. Jimmer pointed out that Russell was at the Stockgrower's meeting when the applications were advertised. The committee agreed to provide Russell with 2 rolls of barbed wire.

Other Business: Josh updated the committee on who he'd been receiving vinyl wire requests from. He would like to move to the Timberline voucher system once they run out of the rolls on hand. A few landowners have requested that the committee add 1 3/4" staples to the fence voucher application. Samantha will update the application template. Josh asked the committee how they would feel about advertising stackyard and fence damage applications in December rather than waiting until the NP Stockgrowers meeting in March. Josh expressed that it's difficult to accomplish spring stackyard requests prior to June 30th. The committee was open to trying it.

HMP-Expires May 1, 2018: Josh explained that Pat Tucker is happy with the current HMP and doesn't feel as though the committee needs to do a complete rewrite, unless that's preferred. An update would suffice.

Select Next Meeting Date: A conference call will need to be scheduled to select a contractor after the bid deadline on July 7th.

Future Agenda Items: Vinyl wire in-store vouchers.

Roundtable: N/A

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:45PM.