



**HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES**  
**Craig Chamber of Commerce-360 East Victory Way**  
**September 12, 2017**  
**6:00PM**

**Introductions: Members attending the meeting were:** DWM Evan Jones/CPW, Chad Green/Livestock Grower, Gary Nichols/Sportsperson, Sean Durham/Livestock Grower, Mark Lowrey/BLM and Samantha Sorensen/Admin. **Guests attending the meeting were:** Bill Ekstrom/CSU Extension and Wynn Condict.

**General Public Comments:** N/A

**Budget Report:** Samantha presented committee members with a budget report; the remaining balance was \$111,897.50.

**Old Business:** The minutes from July 18th were presented and approved as written.

**New Business:** Fortification South Seeding: Applicants no longer needed to request HPP funding.

Wynn Condict Seeding & Water Development: Bill Ekstrom and Wynn Condict presented their proposal to the committee. Bill began by explaining that the project site is thick with musk thistle, scotch thistle, bindweed and curly cup. A fall spray wouldn't do much good because the seeds have already developed. The weeds have gotten so thick that cattle will not go through. Most of the weeds are contained to Wynn's property but they could spread eventually. Bill would like to plant round-up ready alfalfa so they can then spray in the spring. They would conduct a one cut hay program to remain wildlife conscientious. Wynn pointed out that when he purchased the land the area was dry, the well was dry and there was no alfalfa. He got the water going again and everything is downhill from the well. He started spraying, disking and improved about 400 acres over the course of 7 years. This is the last big piece left to do. He'd also like to ask HPP to pay for the labor on the fence, which will be needed to control the cattle. A lay down fence will be used to allow for movement of elk. Public land surrounds the ranch and it's close to Bitterbrush SWA. Darby has collared animals in the area as well. Wynn outfits 4 guided hunts per year for bull elk but he's also interested in Wounded Warrior or youth hunts. The committee approved \$20, 131.00 for the project.

**Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion:** Samantha presented committee members with a list of landowners who did not redeem their fence vouchers last fiscal year.

Select Next Meeting: The committee decided to schedule their next meeting for December 12<sup>th</sup>. Distribution Hunts will be discussed in December.

**Roundtable:** N/A

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 7:20PM.