



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

Montelores HPP Committee

Phone Conference

April 12th, 2018

6:30 p.m.

HPP Members Present: Andy Brown, CPW; Nate West, BLM; Tanner Young, Ag Producer; John Sheek, Sportsman; Eldon Simmons, Livestock Grower

Guests: Carlos Whitmer

Introductions & Budget Report:

Committee members and guests were introduced. The remaining budget at the start of the meeting was \$41,902.46.

New Business:

Project Application Proposals and Reviews:

1. Carlos Whitmer presented a pond clean-out project. The property is located south of Cortez, and experiences heavy use by elk moving between the Ute Mountain reservation and Mesa Verde National Park. The project area includes 60 acres of irrigated fields and 80 acres of pasture which is fairly dry, but there is a pond on the property which holds some water for livestock. The pond is silted in and does not hold water well, so it is typically dry by the time livestock are off and elk are utilizing the area. The proposal includes renting an excavator to clean out the pond, increasing its water storage capacity and extending the amount of time it has available water for both livestock and big game. The project was approved for \$1,000.00.
2. The committee reviewed a fertilizer proposal from Jay Goodall for 95 acres, and approved \$1,425.00.
3. A pond cleanout project from Jay Goodall was tabled until the application could be completed.

Next Meeting: TBD