



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES
Craig Chamber of Commerce-360 East Victory Way
April 17, 2018
7:00PM

Introductions: Members attending the meeting were: DWM Evan Jones/CPW, Chad Green/Livestock Grower, Gary Nichols/Sportsperson, Gary Visintainer/Livestock Grower, Mark Lowrey/BLM, Sean Durham/Livestock Grower and Admin. Samantha Sorensen/CPW. **Guests attending the meeting were:** John & Debbie Wellman, Mike Camblin, Rod Cook, Pete Shelton and Asst. AWM Mike Swaro/CPW.

General Public Comments: N/A

Budget Report: Samantha presented committee members with a budget report; the remaining balance was \$86,766.50. She also announced that the State Council decided to keep all of the committee budgets the same so they'd be starting out with \$200,000.00 on July 1st, minus the amount for the three projects already on the books.

Old Business: The minutes from March 13th were presented and approved as written.

New Business: Romick Habitat Improvement: Tabled

Mcintyre Ranch Range Improvements: Mike Camblin presented committee members with an application. He leased the McIntyre Ranch last year and is looking to improve the range for elk, deer and sage grouse. In the late 80s a pipeline was started and the twenty-five tanks are getting worn out and he'd like to replace six. He's also planning to replace their field fence with wildlife friendly fence. Lots of monitoring will take place, some of which NRCS will pay for. Eight monitoring sites will hopefully give some direction on grazing. He's hoping to finish the entire project within a three year period, monitoring to wrap up after five years. The tanks will go in this year and Mike hopes to accomplish one mile of fence per year. The committee was hesitant to pay for the fence knowing that it wouldn't be completed by July 1st; they encouraged Mike to come back for fence funding next fiscal year. Gary N. asked about public hunting; Sam McIntyre leases out to commercial hunting and allows his grandkids to hunt. The committee approved \$5,000.00 for tire tanks.

Shelton Ranch Ag Reclamation: Pete Shelton explained that he'd done a reclamation project that was partially funded by HPP a few years back and was impressed with the results. He'd like to continue with the reclamation and use a custom seed mix on approximately 21.6 acres. NRCS put together the seed mix and he's hoping HPP will pay for the seed. He added that a few years back he removed a bunch of old fence. He allows youth hunts during late season. The committee approved \$719.27.

Wellman Ranching Co. Water Improvement: John is looking to move water uphill from the spring to disperse grazing. He runs his sheep in with his cattle which has reduced predation on his sheep. Gary V. asked if he'd be using white vinyl wire for the top strand. Chad stated that he'd like to stay away from

funding the woven wire and look at funding the water expansion instead. The committee pointed out that they'd be willing to fund the project but was not sure what to commit to without knowing what NRCS is paying for. The project was tabled.

Timberlake Ranch Improvements: Rod pointed out that he was in the same boat as John and that he didn't know for sure what NRCS was paying for exactly. He plans to drill a well and if he gets good water he'd like to divide up his pasture in order to disperse grazing. The committee approved \$13,000.00 for the project if the well produces water.

Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion: FY Deadlines: Samantha let everyone know that the purchase order deadline is May 22nd, game damage materials need to be ordered by June 1st and all HPP paperwork if due by June 15th. She also pointed out that fence vouchers were mailed last week and an email with a new conflict form was sent to members and DWMs. Lastly, she said Pat Tucker had announced his retirement at the last State Council meeting and would be leaving before December of 2019.

Select Next Meeting Date: The next meeting was scheduled for May 15th at 7:00pm.

Roundtable: N/A

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30PM.