



**HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES**  
**Colorado Parks & Wildlife 925 Weiss Drive, Steamboat Springs**  
**April 9, 2018**  
**5:30pm**

**Introductions: Members attending meeting:** Darren Ebaugh/Sportsperson, AWM Kris Middendorf, Kathy McKinstry/BLM, Larry Monger/Livestock Grower, Chad Stewart/USFS, Nita Naugle/Livestock Grower and Admin. Samantha Sorensen/CPW

**Guests attending the meeting:** DWM Jack Taylor

**General Public Comments:** N/A

**Budget Report:** Samantha presented committee members with a budget report which showed a remaining balance of \$39,481.99. She also announced that next year's budget will remain the same.

**Old Business:** Minutes from February 12th were presented and approved as written.

**New Business:** Peltier Properties Fencing: Jack presented committee members with an application. He explained that the project site is in between Milner and Hayden on a 600 acre property. The landowner is asking that HPP purchase fence materials from game damage and reimburse them for the dozer. USFWS is listed on the application but the exact amount of their contribution is unknown and any funding they do provide will lower the Wolf Creek Ranch's contribution. The new fence will be a 4 strand design with vinyl wire for the top strand. Jack insisted that they use the vinyl wire since it's a high traffic area. Built Right Fence built the Utterback's, which was a much smaller project, and referred Tom Kostur to HPP. Darren stated that he remembers funding vinyl wire for past projects, not the entire materials list. Kris asked the committee if they wanted to place a cap on fence projects. Samantha shared the fact that the Lower Colorado River committee will not pay more than \$1.25/foot for fencing materials. Larry suggested they approve them for the amount of the vinyl wire multiplied by three. Nita concerned about setting a precedent. The committee approved \$6500.00 for 12 vinyl rolls plus the reimbursement of additional fence supplies. The committee will discuss a fence materials cap at the next meeting.

Brent Romick Project: Tabled

**Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion:** FY Deadlines: Samantha pointed out that the purchase order deadline is May 22<sup>nd</sup> and the game damage deadline is June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Roundtable:** Chad shared with everyone that he'd been promoted and will be moving to Delta. Ben will be happy to step in and Chad will work on getting Samantha what she needs for his official nomination.

Darren attended the Sportsmen's Expo in Eagle. He also pointed out that Tom Rossi is very interested in returning to HPP.

Kris let everyone know that the Yampa district is vacant. He's hoping for a lateral transfer but if that doesn't happen the position will not be filled until the new recruits come on in December. He also has a rover position open but he's going to turn that job into an Assistant Wildlife Manger who would assist him as well as give DWMs a promotional opportunity. On another note he recently collaborated with Chad on an endowment fund that's intended to benefit wildlife through the funding of habitat work, law enforcement, etc. Lastly, Kris would like to give a presentation on big game populations to the committee sometime in the future.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:05pm.