



**HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES**  
**Republican Rivers Committee August 14th, 2018**  
**Conference Call**

**Committee members present:**

- Josh Melby, CPW-DWM
  - Dustin Wise, Sportsman
  - Chris Craig, Livestock Grower
  - Don Fritzler, Livestock Grower
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- Hanna Cook, Administrative Assistant

**Meeting called to order at 10:30 AM**

**New Business  
Projects**

Cory Drullinger Water Project updates-cooperators/committee protocols for dry holes.  
A committee standard needs to be established for water projects in the event that the well is a dry hole. The committee has agreed that if a well (that has been funded by the committee) ends up being a dry hole, then the committee will pay half of the drilling costs, up to 300 ft. This will be the standard for all water development projects aimed at improving wildlife habitat and resolving wildlife conflicts that have been funded by the committee.

Cory Drullinger's water development project was approved at the last meeting, but concern has been raised about the cooperators on the project. HPP is paying for a large majority of the costs, so additional partners should be involved to reduce the gap. As an addition to his own cooperator costs, Cory will be adding food plots to the project, which will make it more effective at drawing deer away from crops. He will also be talking to NRCS to see if they can offer additional funding to offset HPP's costs. Finally, he has agreed not to file any game damage claims for damage to his corn fields.

Hanna will update the committee with any new information, but for now the purchase order for this project is on hold until Cory has had conversations with NRCS, or found other partners.

**Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion**

The committee livestock grower vacancy is still open, and the deadline for applicants is November 1<sup>st</sup>. Interested applicants should contact Hanna Cook.

Evaluations for all 2018 projects are due on September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Jory Drager was unable to complete his approved water development project before the end of last fiscal year. The project was approved at the meeting on February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018. He has told the committee that it will be completed this year, so the committee has agreed to move the project from the 2018 fiscal year to the 2019 fiscal year, as long as the project does not have any changes from the original proposal.

**The next meeting will be held on November 14th at 6:30 PM at the Yuma Community Center.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 AM**

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