



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES
Colorado Parks & Wildlife 925 Weiss Drive, Steamboat Springs
August 13, 2018
5:30pm

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

Guests attending the meeting: Tara Umphries/USFS

General Public Comments: Ben Lindsley explained that he would be leaving the USFS to go back to school. Tara Umphries, the interim District Ranger will be filling in.

Budget Report: Samantha presented committee members with a budget report. The remaining budget was \$72,503.08.

Old Business: Minutes from July 9th were presented and approved as written.

New Business: Elk Mountain Ranch Mastication: Tabled

Clyncke's Bear River Ranch Fertilizer: Delores Clyncke is the new representative of the ranch. She already purchased and applied the fertilizer in May but didn't submit an application until June. Everyone understands the importance of the relationship so Kris worked with Pat to get the go ahead for a PO despite the mishap. Given the change in the family and the vacancy in the district it was an honest mistake. Nita wondered if the Clyncke family will still honor the stipulation that they will not apply for game damage. The committee approved \$5,000.00 for the project under the stipulation the BRR does not file game damage claims on hay.

Distribution Hunts: Kris explained that last year Jack Taylor asked for 75 tags and Justin Pollock asked for 10-15 but none were ever used, probably due to the mild winter. Jack said the hunts are a great way to give CPW a more efficient way to disperse wildlife and reduce conflicts. The tags are good August 15th through February. Kris asked for the committee's support for 80 damage tags, which they approved of.

Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion: Samantha and Kris will work together on updating the plan which is due to expire in May of 2019. A draft will be presented to the committee for approval, and then it will need to go in front of the State Council followed by the Parks and Wildlife Commission.

The committee completed FY18 evaluations as a group.

Kris gave Tara an overview of HPP. Tara plans to be on through September.

Kris announced that Josh Dilley was promoted to Assistant AWM. He also spoke briefly about the newly established Wildlife Habitat Improvement Local District Endowment Fund, or WHILD.

Select Next Meeting Date: September 10th at 5:30pm, same location.

Roundtable: N/A

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:10pm.