



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES
USFS in Walden, CO
January 9, 2018
1:00pm

Introductions: **Members present were:** DWM Josh Dilley/CPW, Danny Meyring/livestock grower, Blaine Evans/livestock grower, Jimmer Baller/livestock grower, Todd Peterson/sportsperson (via phone), Darrell Freeman/USFS and Samantha Sorensen/CPW admin. **Guests present were:** Keith Holsinger, Josh Roth/USFWS, Amy Burrows/BLM, Pat Tucker/HPP Coordinator, Jeremiah Zamora/USFWS, Bill Falvey/BLM and Adam Bromley/USFS.

General Public Comments: N/A

Budget: Samantha provided committee members with a budget report, the remaining funds were \$57,687.84.

Old Business: Minutes: Members were provided with draft minutes from July 13th and were approved as written.

Vinyl Wire Voucher: Josh explained that a situation came up regarding Roslyn Ranch where they had a request for 4 rolls of wire then later on made a request for 4 more. He made the call and decided to say yes but moving forward he asked the committee if they had intended to establish a 4 roll limit per voucher or per fiscal year. The committee decided that the vouchers should have a 4 roll limit per voucher and trusted that Josh verifies landowner qualifications.

New Business: Keith Holsinger mentioned that he has a well located on BLM that he would like to improve by replacing the windmill with a solar pump. Darrell pointed out that he'd need to put together a proposal. Josh recommended he attend the Owl Mountain meeting on Thursday to ask them for funding assistance as well. It was decided that his project proposal would be added to the March meeting agenda.

Other Business: HMP Discussion/Approval: Pat began by explaining that there are 4 committee HMPs up for renewal. Originally plans were set up for renewal every 5 years but now they are on a 10 year rotation. Plans need to be approved locally then they are sent to State Council for review and on to the Wildlife Commission for final approval. The amendment page needs to cover major changes. Pat has already had a chance to send Josh his suggestions, mentioned

that the committee only needs to worry about content not format; formatting will be standardized across all 19 committees. No one really had a chance to look through the draft HMP. Josh brought up the fact that he felt it might be a good time to ask landowners to pitch in more money or in-kind for stackyards. Danny explained that he has more of an expense due to elk and has to move stacks, move more snow and accept more forage loss. Pat asked the committee how they should go about keeping the partnership component while convincing the few remaining folks to get stackyards. Jimmer pointed out that he's on the water round table and landowners must contribute 20%, he's not happy with the direction but that's what's happening. Pat suggested only offering the current 'deal' for the next 3 years and then landowners would be on the hook for more of a share after that. The committee decided they would further discuss the HMP and stackyard cost share during the February meeting.

Appoint BLM Representative: The committee approved Bill Falvey as the new BLM representative. Samantha will submit his information then the Wildlife Commission will need to approve his nomination before he officially becomes a voting member.

HPP Expansion: Pat explained that HPP's primary focus will still be resolving conflicts but program money can now be used to help the agency meet big game management objectives. This gives committees the ability to do habitat work and collaring without an Ag conflict present. He pointed out that it's a good idea to include the expansion in the HMP revision.

FY17 Evaluations: The committee felt that receiving evaluations was useful and informative.

Select Next Meeting Date: A conference call was scheduled for February 26th to finalize the HMP and approve ads for stackyard and fence applications. It was decided that the next regular meeting would be sometime in March.

Roundtable: Josh asked the committee to think about the issues on Coy's. Josh mentioned that Stateline Ranch may be looking to do some brush beating in the future. They want to convert rabbit brush back to forbs and grasses. He also explained to that Tom Hackelmen had two stackyards built a little while back and 1 was accidentally built on BLM property. The BLM is not looking to impose any fines but the stackyard does need to be moved. Josh then let everyone know that there are 12' treated posts and woven wire available in the bone yard; decades old now. Lastly, he talked about the bi-annual meeting and passed out swag bags to committee members that were unable to attend.

Jimmer asked Josh Roth about the hunt on the refuge. Josh said it was good but not as successful as they would have liked. Hunts were dominated by able bodied hunters.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:34PM.