



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES
Luark Ranch-2831 Luark Road, Burns, CO 80426
July 10, 2018
1:00pm

Introductions: Members attending the meeting were: Jim Nieslanik/Livestock Grower, Scot Dodero/Livestock Grower, Pat Luark/Livestock Grower, and Hilary Boyd/BLM & Admin. Samantha Sorensen/CPW.

Guests attending the meeting were: Sarah Metcalf, Mike Luark, Warren Roberts, Ryan Lahti, Sarah and Louis Dodo.

General Public Comments: N/A

Budget Report: Samantha presented committee members with a budget report and the beginning balance was \$200,000.00

Old Business: Minutes from May 2nd were presented and approved as written.

New Business: Horse Creek Irrigation: Mike Luark explained that they were looking for the same amount they had in year's past and there were no changes to the project. The committee approved \$5,000.00 for the project.

Piffer Water Improvement: Tabled

Lahti Fencing: Ryan presented his proposal to the committee. He explained that they need to address the north and south fence. He thought that Darren had said LCR would pay \$1.25 per foot in addition to vinyl wire but Samantha explained that the 1.25/foot cap did include vinyl wire. They are scheduled to start in October. Pat explained that he'd had the most success by clearing both sides of the fence and that he needed to plan accordingly for weeds. The committee approved \$3,300, not to exceed \$1.25/foot, for a ½ mile of wildlife friendly fence.

USFS Timber Sale Ponds: Warren explained that he'd been working with Joe Fazzi on the project application. He's currently hauling in water and recently got the okay to build 11 new ponds; he also wants to clean out some existing ponds as well. Warren explained that he likes to use a teacup shape when building ponds since the flat ponds evaporate too quickly. Pat asked if he'd been through the water commission and Hilary pointed out that the Forest Service should have done that during the NEPA process. Pat wants to see the disturbed areas reseeded but the F.S. would need to approve the mix. He also suggested that Warren check with NRCS on specs. The committee approved \$6,000.00 for the project.

USFS Butler Invasive Management: Tabled

Metcalf Wildlife Friendly Fence: Sarah Metcalf explained that the property is adjacent to Eagle Ranch open space and they are removing an old fence and requesting materials for a wildlife friendly fence to replace it. The committee approved \$1,650.00 for the project.

Fence & Herbicide Vouchers: The committee approved \$11,200.00 for fence vouchers and \$10,000.00 for herbicide vouchers.

Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion: Select Next Meeting Date: September 19th in Glenwood beginning at 1:00pm.

Roundtable: Mike asked the committee if he could come to them for funding after a project had been finished or started. Samantha explained to everyone the state's purchasing rules.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 2:15 PM.