



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

CPW Area Office – 73485 Hwy 64

July 30, 2018

7:00pm

Introductions: Members present were: Lenny Klingsmith/livestock grower, DWM Bailey Franklin/CPW, Jim Brennan/livestock grower, Rich Parr/Sportsperson, Mary Taylor/BLM, and Admin. Samantha Sorensen/CPW.

Guests present were: HPP Coordinator Pat Tucker/CPW, Justin Wilson/BLM, Chad Carter, Brian Collins, Tawny Halandras, John Halandras, Reed Kelley, Greg Glasgow and Troy Osborn.

General Public Comments: N/A

Budget Report: Samantha presented committee members with budget reports. The remaining budget for FY19 was \$150,000.00.

Old Business: Minutes from June 13th were approved as written.

New Business: Collins Mountain Ranch 3 Water Wells: Bailey presented committee members with three separate applications so they could decide whether to approve all three wells or only a portion. The first well already exists but it needs to be redone. The second and third wells need to be drilled and would include the installation of solar pumps and tire tanks. The goal of all three wells is to provide a more reliable source of water and better distribute livestock and wildlife. The committee approved \$29,024.00 for all three wells; however they will not agree to pay for dry wells. The committee pointed out they would support the landowner putting in a cistern at the top well that could fill the tanks at all three locations if it were more cost effective.

R Lazy J Ranch Water Improvement: Next to Lenny's. Windmill no longer works but the well is still feasible; wants to put in a solar pump and send water to two tire tanks. The project would benefit both wildlife and livestock. Tabled

Oak Ridge SWA Mountain Shrub Aerial Treatment: Tabled

Carter/Timber Gulch Mountain Shrub Aerial Treatment: 65 acres of thick oak brush needs to be aerial sprayed with herbicide. The plan is to top kill brush in order to encourage growth at the base in order to provide browse for wildlife. The committee approved \$2,425.80 for the project.

Davis Waterline: Tawny Halandras proposed a waterline project that would take water from a well drill a few years ago. Water is non-existent in the area and the completed project would provide a reliable source as well as distribute livestock and wildlife. They would seek reimbursement for materials only. The BLM was involved through the NEPA process but did not kick in any money. BLM property runs clear down to the road so there is foot access for hunters, a benefit to the public. The committee approved \$20,295.00 for the project.

North Well: Tawny explained that they were only seeking funding for the well on this project; the pipeline would be installed at a later date. Again, the project would benefit wildlife and livestock. 1200 acres of private and 4700 acres of public would be serviced by all three wells. The committee approved \$4,700.00 for the project but will not pay for a dry well.

Landscape Scale Weed Control: Troy Osborn explained that they increased the days this year so they didn't need to risk coming back to the committee to ask for an extension. Troy would be paid by HPP for the labor and landowners would be responsible for purchasing the herbicide. Weed treatments will take place on private and public, the only stipulation being they need to have participated in HPP. The committee approved \$28,000.00 for the project.

Vinyl Wire Purchase: Bailey explained that they are down to one roll of vinyl wire and running low on a couple accessories. The committee approved \$2,700.00 for the purchase.

Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion: Distribution Management Plan: Bailey let the committee know that their management plan is set to expire in November of 2019. A draft will be brought to them at a future date to review. Samantha mentioned that the current plan is available on the HPP website.

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Roundtable: Samantha mentioned that Pat announced his retirement.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.