



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

May 8th, 2018

Oscar's Restaurant

6:00 PM-9:00 PM

Committee members Present:

- Ron Garcia, *USFWS Representative*
- Alvin Kunugi, *Livestock Growers Representative*
- Mike Maldonado, *Sportsperson Representative*
- Paul Minow, *BLM Representative*
- Roy Oliver, *Livestock Growers Representative*
- Brian Bechaver, *CPW Representative*
- Ty Ryland, *Livestock Growers Representative*

Administrators: Hanna Cook

Guests: Brent Frankland (CPW-Terrestrial Biologist), Conrad Albert (CPW-DWM)

Budget Report

The 2018 budget report was reviewed.

Old Business

Brian updated the committee on the San Luis Hills SWA cattle guard project: The cattle guards have been built, and CPW personnel will pick up and install the cattle guards before the end of June.

New Business

Project Application Proposals and Reviews

Jaroso Creek Ranch Fencing-Conrad Albert

Conrad is asking for \$4,000 for fencing materials to rebuild 1 mile of new fence on Jaroso Creek Ranch. The fences on the ranch are continuously damaged by elk, and the landowner would like to build a wildlife friendly fence in the area that has the most big game damage. The landowner will remove 1 mile of old fence and build the new wildlife friendly fence. This project will pay for materials for 1 mile, but there are more sections that can be done in the future.

The project was approved for \$4,000, plus rolls of white vinyl wire from the committee stockpile, as needed.

Atencio Fencing Project-Conrad Albert

Conrad is asking for \$9,000 for fencing materials to rebuild 2.55 miles of fence. The fences on the ranch are continuously damaged by elk, and the landowner would like

to build a wildlife friendly fence to help prevent damage to fences and injury to elk. The landowner will remove old fence and build the new fence. The project was approved for \$9,000, plus rolls of white vinyl wire from the committee stockpile, as needed.

Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion

Conrad talked to the committee about new options for a fence contractor that would rebuild damaged sections of fence. So far, everyone he has talked to has had a hard time getting the necessary liability insurance. He would like the committee to consider having hunt coordinators fix fences when they see damage from elk running through them. Hunt coordinators already carry liability insurance so the committee could specify fence repair as one of the job duties. The committee is interested in this option and will discuss it further at a future meeting.

The committee would like to purchase spinning jennys and other tools needed to install white vinyl wire to keep with the committee stockpile. These tools can be loaned out to landowners when they install white vinyl wire. These purchases will come from the fence materials budget. A “check-out” system will be created so that the committee can keep track of the materials and ensure that they are returned in a timely manner.

Next meeting: June 12th at 6:00 PM at Oscar’s Mexican Restaurant.

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