



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES
Colorado Parks & Wildlife 925 Weiss Drive, Steamboat Springs
November 19, 2018
5:30pm

Introductions: Members attending meeting: Kathy McKinstry/BLM, Nita Naugle/Livestock Grower, Darren Ebaugh/Sportsperson, Larry Monger/LivestockGrower, and Admin. Samantha Sorensen/CPW.

Guests attending the meeting: HPP Coordinator Pat Tucker/CPW, DWM Jack Taylor/CPW, Dave and Mary Lynne James, Gilbert Anderson, Jeff Yost/CPW.

General Public Comments: N/A

Budget Report: Samantha presented committee members with a budget report. The remaining budget was \$52,453.08.

Old Business: Minutes from September 10th were presented and approved as written.

New Business: Moonhill Highlands Fencing: Gilbert began by letting everyone know the HOA is along Co. Rd. 129 and he's an Ag producer who leases the property and grazing rights. There is a lot of wildlife traffic in Moonhill and they would like to replace all of the fence eventually but the proposal funds one mile of wildlife friendly fence, in an area that's been heavily damaged. The steep country contributes to a high overall cost, which exceeds the committee's \$5,000.00 cap but does not go over the \$1.50/foot cap. It was pointed out that the overall project cost does include the price of old fence removal. The committee approved \$5,000.00 for fence materials not to exceed \$1.50/foot plus they will provide 4 rolls of vinyl wire.

James Water Development: Mary explained that their property sees tremendous elk traffic in the summer time. They've counted as many as 124 elk together moving up the fence line. There's enough surface water for the elk to drink but then the area turns to mud. She plans to keep the property leased out for Ag but she also wants to see wildlife in the area survive. The proposal is for an infiltration well instead of a spring development, reason being it doesn't need a water resources review; plus a surface well is more reliable in dry years. If the spring develops enough water they could eventually pump water over to Doug Monger's stock tanks in addition to providing water for elk. The committee approved \$7,500.00 out of FY20 for the project.

HPP Damage Licenses: Jack provided committee members with a packet of information. He pointed out that these are the same licenses as last year; they didn't issue any though, due to a light winter. The licenses start January 1st and are only issued if they absolutely need to. The committee unanimously approved the 90 requested damage licenses.

Bulk Vinyl Wire Purchase: The committee's vinyl wire stock pile is down to 2 rolls of brown. Samantha explained that the State Council will provide each committee with \$5,000.00 worth of vinyl wire starting in FY20 but wondered if the committee should order more to get them through FY19. The committee approved the purchase of 10 more rolls of brown and 10 more rolls of white vinyl wire.

Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion: E-7 Elk Herd Management Plan: Jeff Yost began by explaining the new habitat management plan terminology and then briefly summarized the proposed extension. After a lengthy discussion the committee agreed that they supported the plan's population ranges and sex ratios. The committee will submit a comment letter for Jeff to include in his HMP.

Jeff also mentioned that the E-2 HMP is up for renewal but Darby Finley would present that.

Select Next Meeting Date: The next meeting was tentatively planned for December 10th at 5:30pm.

There was a brief discussion regarding Tom Rossi. Larry offered to reach out to him before the next meeting.

There were inquiries as to whether anything had been determined regarding the Clyncke's Fertilizer project. The committee will ask Kris about it at the next meeting.

Larry asked Sam to look into where he could get tire tanks from.

Roundtable: N/A

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:06pm.