



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES
Colorado Parks & Wildlife 925 Weiss Drive, Steamboat Springs
September 10, 2018
5:30pm

Introductions: **Members attending meeting:** AWM Kris Middledorf/CPW, Kathy McKinstry/BLM, Larry Monger/LivestockGrower, Nita Naugle/Livestock Grower and Admin. Samantha Sorensen/CPW.

Guests attending the meeting: HPP Coordinator Pat Tucker/CPW, DWM Jack Taylor/CPW, Cam and Laurie Kuelthau.

General Public Comments: N/A

Budget Report: Samantha presented committee members with a budget report. The remaining budget was \$67,503.08.

Old Business: Minutes from August 13th were presented and approved as written.

New Business: Kuelthau Fencing: Cam and Laurie explained that they would like to upgrade their fences and make them wildlife friendly. The top wire would be high visible vinyl but they would like to electrify it. The perimeter fence borders 52 E. Their request does not exceed the \$1.50/foot cap but it does exceed the committee's project cap of \$5k, however the Kuelthau's plan to install over a mile of fence. The committee approved \$7,250.00 for the project plus they will provide 5 rolls of hotcote vinyl wire, which Pat Tucker volunteered to collect from Montrose.

Kuelthau Water Development: Jack began by pointing out to the committee that he fully supports the project. The plan is to construct a pond in order to improve wildlife habitat and provide a water source for livestock. The property is located on the north side of sleeping giant and the area sees ongoing game damage issues. The pond would catch runoff plus any rainfall and provide water in their Lek pasture which would allow them to implement rotational grazing. Larry asked if they'd reached out to the NRCS. They explained that they didn't want to wait another 2 years to go through their process. A lot of elk would benefit from the water development and usually their property holds antelope all summer long but this year they were absent due to a lack of water. The committee approved \$7,800.00 for the project.

Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion: Kris and Larry gave an update on the Clyncke's Bear River Ranch.

Samantha provided committee members with a copy of the new HPP flier which will replace the old brochure.

The USFS nominated a new representative, her name is Kelsey Crane. Her nomination will go in front of the Commission in November.

Select Next Meeting Date: November 19th and/or December 10th at 5:30pm, same location.

Roundtable: N/A

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:01pm.