



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

South Park Committee

April 18th, 2019

Fairplay Fair Barn

Committee members present:

- John Woodward, Livestock grower**
- Tyler Stoltzfus, CPW**
- Webb Smith, Livestock grower**
- Randy Tingle, Sports person**
- Christine Cloninger, BLM**
- Steve Allard, Livestock grower**
- Sheila Lamb, USFS**

Administrator: Hanna Cook, Administrative Assistant

Guests: Scott Sanborn (Timberline Forest Restoration), Albert Eggleston (BLM Permittee), Mark Lamb (AWM)

Meeting called to order by John Woodward at 10:09 AM

Budget Report

The budget report was reviewed. All current projects are on track to be completed by the end of the fiscal year.

New Business

State Land Board rules and changes-Sheila Lamb

Sheila has been made aware that the State Land Board will reimburse lessees for any improvement that they made on their leased property at the time that they give up the lease. The concern is that people may be reimbursed for funds that came from HPP on certain projects, but she is not sure how the reimbursements work and if that is the case or not. John will discuss this with the State Land Board to get clarification and will update the committee and/or see if someone from SLB will come to the next meeting to answer questions.

Project Application Proposals and Reviews

Erb Property Habitat Project-Scott Sanborn

Scott is asking HPP for \$5,000 to treat 10 acres on private property. Scott manages the property and is very passionate about improving habitat there. He will be completing the work, and is asking HPP for \$500/acre to treat 10 acres. He and the landowners aim to treat several areas, but they are unable to cover the cost on their own. Landowners will match \$5,000 to treat an

additional 10 acres for a total of 20 acres treated. Scott will match \$10,000 in labor to complete slash cleanup, log skidding, mulching, and restoration of tracks created during the treatment process. These treatments will create better habitat for wildlife and will mitigate the risk of wild fire. Landowners have agreed not to file game damage claims.

The project was approved for \$5,000.

Emery Schattinger Plot Habitat Project-Scott Sanborn

Scott is asking HPP for \$28,500 to treat 57 acres on private property. Scott manages the property and is very passionate about improving habitat there. He will be completing the work, and is asking HPP for \$500/acre to treat 57 acres. He and the landowner aim to treat several areas, but they are unable to cover the cost on their own. The landowner is unable to contribute financially at this time, so Scott will be donating his labor as a match. The committee would like to see matched acres, and because the landowner is unable to contribute Scott will reduce the project size. HPP will pay \$12,500 for 25 acres, and Scott will match \$25,000 in labor to complete 25 additional acres plus slash cleanup, log skidding, mulching, and restoration of tracks created during the treatment process. A total of 50 acres will be treated. These treatments will create better habitat for wildlife and will mitigate the risk of wild fire. The landowner has agreed not to file game damage claims. This project will be completed in the 2020 fiscal year.

The project was approved for \$12,500 for FY 2020.

Garro Allotment-McDowell Livestock Water Well Re-drill-Christine Cloninger, Albert Eggleston

Chris and Albert are asking HPP for \$7,500 to drill a well and install a solar pump on the BLM Garro allotment. There is an existing windmill well on the allotment, but that well is non-functional. The lack of water has led to poor grazing management and increased resource competition between livestock and big game. The area is used heavily by elk. Albert will install pipeline that will feed water from the well to 3 tanks around the allotment. Albert will provide equipment and labor. The Grazing Advisory Board will pay for ¼ of the well drilling costs, and BLM will pay for tire tanks, pipeline, and additional materials needed. Albert has agreed to the committee's request that he keep water in the tanks for as long as possible (weather permitting) so that wildlife still have access to a reliable water source even when cattle are not grazing. The committee would like to make sure that there are enough funds to drill deeper than planned (if needed) to help ensure that they find water. They would like to increase the project budget to \$10,000. The increased funds can be used for additional drilling as needed, and any extra will go towards the solar pump. The committee will not reimburse for a dry hole.

The project was approved for \$10,000.

State Council White Wire Order

The HPP state council will be making a bulk order of white vinyl wire to distribute to local committees. Each committee will be allowed \$5,000 in white vinyl wire (24 rolls) if they would like it. The South Park committee would like to accept the \$5,000 worth of wire from state council.

Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion

Committee Member Attendance

It is important that committee members attend meetings as often as possible, and that they RSVP for meetings. Hanna needs to make sure that there are enough committee members for quorum at the upcoming meeting, so sending her an RSVP is important.

State Council updates

Local committee budgets will remain the same for the next fiscal year.

The state council will start funding weed spraying and fencing projects on SWAs. Funds will be distributed to regional managers who will decide where to use them (within HPP boundaries), rather than coming to local committees for requests. Habitat projects will still go to local committees for approval.

The HPP statewide annual meeting will be happening on December 3rd, 4th, and 5th in Grand Junction, and the topic will be water.

New brochures are available. They have been passed out and will be at local offices. Hanna can provide more if needed.

Steve let the committee know that his neighbor may be interested in a fencing project. He will speak with the landowner and the committee will schedule a conference call if the project is going to move forward this year.

The committee is very interested to see the work that Scott Sanborn is doing on his habitat treatments. Scott has offered to take the committee to one of the sights to see a finished treatment area.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 PM

The next meeting will be held on July 22nd at 9:00 AM at the Fairplay Fair Barn. A field tour will follow.

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