



**HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES**  
**Colorado Parks & Wildlife 925 Weiss Drive, Steamboat Springs**  
**April 8, 2019**  
**5:30pm**

**Introductions:** **Members attending meeting:** AWM Kris Middledorf/CPW, Nita Naugle/Livestock Grower, Kelsey Crane/USFS, Darren Ebaugh/Sportsperson, Larry Monger/Livestock Grower and Admin. Samantha Sorensen/CPW.

**Guests attending the meeting:** DWM Adam Gerstenberger, Jeff Yost/CPW, Kathy McKinstry/BLM, Eric Scherff/BLM, and Jim Redmond.

**General Public Comments:** Kathy resigning due to personal reasons. Eric Scherff may take over; he's their soil, water and air specialist. Kris gave Eric a brief introduction to the program and spoke about a reduction in meeting frequency.

**Budget Report:** Samantha provided committee members with a budget report. The remaining budget was \$43,023.57. Kris pointed out the desire that local committees work to spend

**Old Business:** Minutes from February 11th were presented and approved as written.

**New Business:** Livestock Grower Representative Interviews/Nomination: Kris mentioned that Matt Belton had expressed interest in the position but he was unable to attend; Matt's only apprehension was meeting every month. Darren stated that Jeff Clyncke had expressed interest as well. The nomination was tabled with the hope that Matt and/or Jeff could attend the next meeting or provide a brief write-up. The committee agreed that they would welcome additional applicants as well.

Crawford Forage Loss: Cancelled. Adam mentioned that he'd tried to discuss some long term solutions with Cynthia but she wasn't interested in hazing animals off her property.

Redmond Fence: Jim's property borders USFS on three sides and is located about 6 miles west of Yampa. He stated that a lot of animals utilize the property in the spring before cattle go on. The goal is to reduce wildlife entanglement. Jim's proposal was for \$10k and projected to start in June and end in July. Sam read out loud the committee's guidelines for funding fence. Jim's intent is to use wood posts and unfortunately his property line includes a lot of corners. The committee approved up to \$5k for both FY19 and FY20, not to exceed \$1.50/foot.

**Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion:** State Council Updates/Next Meeting: Samantha touched on the major highlights from the State Council meeting in March. The State Council is going to start funding weed and fence projects on SWAs. The next meeting will take place in Middle Park on July 30/31.

FY20 State Council Vinyl Wire: The State Council is willing to provide local committees with \$5k worth of hotcote vinyl wire, if the committee wants it. It would be available starting July 1, 2019. Rolls would need to be picked up from regional office and stored locally. The committee agreed that they would take the vinyl wire.

Potential Guests for Statewide Meeting: Samantha reminded committee members of the biannual statewide meeting scheduled to take place in Grand Junction December 3-5<sup>th</sup>. The topic will be water. Same as last time each local committee is encouraged to invite 2 guests. Kris mentioned a few names. The discussion will be continued.

PO/FY Deadlines: Samantha reminded committee members of purchase order and fiscal year deadlines. The committee stated they would like to review evaluations together as a group.

RSVP/Proxy/Applications: Samantha asked committee members to be sure they RSVP for future meetings by the agenda deadline; if a quorum cannot be established by then the meeting will need to be rescheduled or cancelled. She also reiterated how proxy voting works and let everyone know that HPP applications should be downloaded directly from the website to ensure the most current form is being used.

Select Next Meeting Date: May 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. Future Agenda Items: Kris spoke about a number of different research projects going on around the area and Jeff mentioned a grouse study. The committee agreed that they would be interested so Kris agreed to reach out and ask if there would be a researcher willing to give a 30-45 minute presentation. He thought it could be a great way to market the committee to the community; he'll look into inviting a local reporter as well.

**Roundtable:** Kris: Spoke about changes to license fees. Dan Gibbs is the new DNR executive director. Asked that if anyone in N. Routt claims to have seen a wolf to please report it to CPW. Adam: Asked for clarification about fence vouchers. Bears are coming out of hibernation. Kelsey: Thought presentations were a good idea. Darren: Gary and Jeff Clyncke may request funding for a project soon. Kathy: Eric interested in becoming the BLM representative. Kris and Sam explained the process. Larry: Herbicide vouchers have been getting promoted.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:50pm.