



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

San Juan Basin HPP Committee

San Juan Public Lands Center, 15 Burnett Ct., Durango

August 26th, 2019

6:00 p.m.

San Juan Basin HPP Members Present: Adrian Archuleta, CPW; Aran Johnson, SUIT; Dan Huntington, Livestock Grower; Phil Craig, Livestock Grower; George Malarsie, Sportsman; John Gardner, Sportsman

Guests: Pat Tucker, CPW; Kristina Kline, NRCS

Introduction: Committee members and guests were introduced. The committee reviewed the final FY19 budget. The remaining FY20 budget at the beginning of the meeting was \$80,725.00.

New Business:

1. The committee established budgets for the annual fence and fertilizer projects. Vouchers this year will be accomplished via landowner reimbursement. The committee approved \$20,400 for fence vouchers, and set aside \$32,000 for fertilizer vouchers. The final fertilizer amount may change depending on the number of applications received in the spring.
2. Kristina Kline presented a multi-landowner fencing project for the San Juan Conservation District. Beginning in spring 2019, the NRCS began an effort to remove and replace old woven wire sheep fence. USFS, CPW, and the NRCS worked collaboratively to identify focal areas for migration corridors and winter range for big game, and targeted landowners in those areas. Participating landowners were mostly adjacent to public lands, with parcels larger than 40 acres. Some fence work has already taken place. The current project involves replacing 3.4 miles of fencing on 4 different landowners. The landowner match includes the labor to remove the old fence and construct new wildlife-friendly fence, and the NRCS + cooperator match is to provide materials including high visibility flagging. RMEF and BHA may also provide some volunteer days for additional labor. The committee noted that the projects are located in important migration corridors,

and that removing sheep fence from the landscape is highly preferable and complementary to other recent HPP projects. The project was approved for \$12,925.00 for materials from Game Damage. DWM inspection and before & after photos were requested upon project completion.

Roundtable:

1. The committee discussed changes to fiscal rules, including required bids for HPP/CPW funding amounts in excess of \$25,000.
2. The Statewide HPP meeting will be held December 3-5 in Grand Junction.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting November 4th @ 6:00pm