



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

February 6th, 2019

Conference Call

Committee Members present:

- Mike Trujillo, Colorado Parks and Wildlife AWM
- Jeff Outhier, USFS
- Terry Everhart, Livestock Grower
- Dave Gilbert, BLM
- Kenn Lutz, Livestock Grower
- Arlie Riggs, Livestock Grower
- Dwaine Robey, Sportsperson
- John Stroh II, Livestock Grower

Administrative Assistant:

- Hanna Cook

Guests: Patty Knupp (NRCS), Jeff Williams (BLM)

Meeting called to order by John Stroh at 10:04 AM

Budget Report

The budget report was reviewed.

Kim Woodruff has let Hanna know that the Iron Dollar Habitat Project may not get done this year. The matching funds from BLM have not been transferred yet as budgeting has been slowed down due to the furlough, so the project does not have matching funds. However, Kim says that even if they were to receive the money soon, she is not sure that the project could get done by the May 15th migratory bird deadline. The \$15,000 originally allocated for that project will likely go back into the budget this year.

Old Business

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

The Sangre de Cristo DMP is still in progress. Hanna is waiting on some edits from Mike and Allen, and then she will get the final draft sent out to the committee. The committee will have a chance to review the draft and make edits before it is sent to Pat Tucker and the State Council for approval. The deadline to turn the draft in to Pat is March 1st.

New Business

Sand Gulch Water Development Project Increase

This is a well project that was approved by the SDC HPP committee in July for \$4,000. The well has been drilled, but the driller had to go much deeper than anticipated to find water. In addition, the hole was unstable and has to be cased to prevent it from collapsing. Both of these factors caused the overall project price to go up significantly. The permittee agreed to pay for the increase when he made the decision to drill deeper, but Jeff would like to see if BLM and HPP can help him with the additional costs. Jeff is asking for an additional \$6,000 from the SDC HPP committee, for a total HPP project budget of \$10,000. The area was in need of water, so having a well there is very beneficial to livestock and wildlife. The committee agrees that this is a good project and they are relieved that there is good water, so they would like to help with additional funding. However, this increase would require a purchase order and Hanna is unsure if a PO will be approved for work that has already been completed, as this is against DNR's fiscal rules. **The committee would like to fund the additional \$6,000, for a total project balance of \$10,000. If this is not possible because of the PO restrictions, then they will increase funding by \$1,000 for the maximum amount of \$5,000 so that a PO is not required.**

****Update-The "after-the-fact" PO was not approved, so the new project budget is \$5,000.**

Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion

Dwaine let the committee know that the Outdoor Buddies Annual Banquet will be held on Saturday, April 6th at the Hyatt Regency in Denver. Tickets can be purchased at www.outdoorbuddies.org or by calling (303) 717-7159.

Arlie Riggs will likely be retiring from her position on the SDCHPP committee. The committee would like to get a recognition award for her and take her to lunch at the next meeting to thank her for her years of service to the committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 AM

The next meeting will be held on: April 2nd at 10:00 AM in Westcliffe

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