



**HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES**  
**Colorado Parks & Wildlife 925 Weiss Drive, Steamboat Springs**  
**February 11, 2019**  
**5:30pm**

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

**Guests attending the meeting:** HPP Coordinator Pat Tucker/CPW and DWM Adam Gerstenberger.

**General Public Comments:** N/A

**Budget Report:** Samantha provided committee members with a budget report. Kris announced that the remaining budget was \$43,367.57. Pat provided an update on behalf of Kathy McKinstry; the Cow Creek cattleguards are in with the exception of the wings and the youth corps has removed one mile of old fence thus far.

**Old Business:** Minutes from November 19th were presented and approved as written.

**New Business:** Celebrate Ag: Kris began by explaining the event; typically he and Larry attend and give out notepads. Pat added that the committee used to sponsor the breakfast but they ran into issues with additional state approvals so they landed on notepads and paying for a membership instead. Kris asked if anyone was interested in doing something different and someone suggested hats. Pat will look for any extra HPP hats to contribute. Kelsey plans to attend the event on behalf of the USFS. The committee agreed to do the same as last year and approved \$350.00 for the project.

**Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion:** UYR DMP-Review/Approval: Kris let everyone know that he'd been getting emails from Samantha the last few months regarding the DMP revision. He felt it would be best if the plan were emailed to everyone on the committee to review and update. It was decided that comments would need to be received by the end of the week and a revised draft would be distributed by the end of the following week. A conference call was scheduled for February 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm to approve the draft before submitting it to Pat.

Clyncke's Update: Adam Gerstenberger gave a presentation on the Clyncke's current properties and game damage claims. He explained that Gary and Jeff submitted a high value damage claim last year because they were hit hard by elk and never received any fertilizer from Delores. The liability was estimated at around \$21k but they settled for less than \$15k. Gary and Jeff allow hunting for friends and family. Adam would like to cap their fertilizer at \$5k or even reduce it in order to fund other projects that might help reduce the conflict. Pat gave some history on all the other methods that were tried in the past and because they were unsuccessful they ultimately landed on funding fertilizer costs. Based on the current property locations and lease agreements the UYR committee shouldn't see an application from Delores moving forward, only Gary and Jeff are currently eligible for UYR funding.

Rossi: Larry spoke with Tom Rossi and Tomi felt that he should step down; he expressed that he wished to stay on the committee but he's currently still on worker's comp. Larry went on to say Michael Davis from cattleman's expressed interest; Samantha let everyone know that Tom Maneotis had inquired about becoming a member as well. Kris will ask Mike Porras to do a press release. Samantha will create a flier to distribute. Larry will contact Mike Davis. Pat reminded everyone that the livestock grower representative does not currently need to be participating in Ag to qualify.

Meeting Frequency/Attendance: Samantha asked the committee if it would be worth reducing the frequency of meetings rather than tentatively scheduling a meeting for each month. The committee would like to table the discussion for a future meeting when more members are in attendance.

Select Next Meeting Date: A conference call was scheduled for Monday February 25<sup>th</sup> starting at 4:30pm. The next regular meeting was scheduled for Monday April 8<sup>th</sup> starting at 5:30pm.

**Roundtable:** N/A

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:10pm.