



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES
Colorado Parks & Wildlife 925 Weiss Drive, Steamboat Springs
May 6, 2019
5:30pm

Presentation:

Kevin Rogers, CPW, gave a presentation about Conserving Colorado Native Trout in a Warming Climate.

Kris advertised a volunteer sign-up event on May 13th.

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 Clyncke, Fred Guire and Anne Guire.

General Public Comments: N/A

Budget Report: Samantha provided committee members with a budget report. The remaining budget was \$45,823.57.

Old Business: Minutes from February 25th and April 8th were presented and approved as written.

New Business: Clyncke's Fertilizer: Most of the Clyncke Bros. land is in leases. Last year was a bad year and they filed a game damage claim that was over \$15,000.00; \$12,000.00 of which was in the Upper Yampa HPP area. This year they decided to return to HPP and since the majority of their property is in UYR they chose not to apply through the Lower Colorado committee. Adam spoke about how most of the Clyncke meadows have trees in between therefore it's hard to see from one to the other to keep elk out. Together they've tried to think outside the box and figure out ways to reduce damage in the future. The committee discussed the history of the fertilizer project and what would happen if other landowners came in with similar projects. Adam pointed out that the fertilizer project would be in exchange for a game damage claim. The committee approved \$10,000.00 for the project.

Aimone Ranch Grass Conversion: No show.

Guire Stackyard: Josh Dille worked with the landowners since Jack Taylor is on leave. The property is located up Elk River Road, owners have been there for years and Fred is a custom cutter. They are constantly running off the elk and have resorted to placing hay stacks around

the house to keep elk away. Kris asked if they'd filed a game damage claim before; they had not. Present stackyard belongs to someone else. Kris and Adam discussed game damage qualifications. Fred should qualify for materials through game damage so the committee agreed to and approved the purchase of elk panels. Fred will furnish the labor to construct the yard.

Livestock Grower Representative Interviews/Nomination: Jeff Clyncke expressed interest in joining the committee. He feels it's a good program and helps the community. The committee nominated Jeff to fill their vacant livestock grower position. Jeff's nomination will probably go before the Parks and Wildlife Commission in June or July. Jeff was told he'd become an official voting member once he receives a welcome packet.

Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion: Potential Guests for Statewide Meeting: Larry mentioned that his son-in-law, Justin, might be a good person to invite; he's a part of the Cattleman's Association. Kris thought, Kelly, the water resources manager for Steamboat Springs might be a good pick as well. The committee agreed on the guests discussed and will consider other options if Justin and Kelly cannot attend.

Select Next Meeting Date: June 3rd and July 1st both at 5:30pm. Future Agenda Items: Kris briefly discussed the idea of HPP paying for elk collars to determine how the elk utilize the landscape throughout the year. The committee would entertain holding a conference call if need be.

Roundtable: Kelsey: Thought Kris' idea was a novel way to use funds.

Jeff: Felt the elk collars would be a great way to know where they're being affected.

Fred: Agreed with what Kris wants to do; would be good to know how a growing human population affects elk.

Anne: Rather keep elk not trails.

Darren: Discussed one of the proposed archery season structure options.

Kris: If anyone thinks they see a wolf, asking folks to report sightings to CPW. Briefly discussed the ballot initiative.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:37pm.