



## **HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES**

### **South Park Committee**

**September 26th, 2019**

**Fairplay Community Center**

#### **Committee members present:**

- John Woodward, Livestock grower**
- Tyler Stoltzfus, CPW**
- Webb Smith, Livestock grower**
- Randy Tingle, Sports person**
- Christine Cloninger, BLM**
- Steve Allard, Livestock grower**
- Sheila Lamb, USFS**

**Administrator: Hanna Cook, Administrative Assistant**

**Guests:** J.T. Benes (Landowner/Permittee), Pat Tucker (HPP Coordinator)

**Meeting called to order by John Woodward at 10:00 AM**

#### **Budget Report**

The budget report was reviewed. All projects are still on track to be completed this fiscal year.

#### **New Business**

##### **New committee chair**

John Woodward has stepped down as the committee's chairman. The committee has voted for Steve Allard as the new chairman and Christine Cloninger as the vice chairwoman.

##### **Project Application Proposals and Reviews**

###### Weston Pass Fence Project-Sheila Lamb

Sheila is asking HPP for \$26,400 for labor to build two miles of new fence. Labor would include removing the old fence, clearing trees on the new fence line, hauling trash/recycling wire, and installing the new fence. 26 miles of the old fence was burned in the Weston Pass fire. After the old fence was burned, Sheila and J.T. Benes worked together to re-design the fencing to make the allotment more efficient for grazing management. They will be building a total of 10 miles of wildlife friendly fence. Sheila hopes to accomplish the first two miles in a partnership with HPP, and the remaining 8 miles should be covered under a federal contract. Sheila has agreed to keep the project at \$25,000 to avoid having to go out for bid.

**The project was approved for \$25,000.**

### **Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion**

The South Park HPP Distribution Management Plan is due for renewal in March of 2020. The committee will need to schedule a work session to go through the plan and make necessary revisions.

The HPP statewide meeting will be on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> in Grand Junction. The committee can invite two guests that will have their expenses paid for. The committee has chosen to invite Scott Sanborn and Tom or Tracy Rautenkranz. If they are unable to make it, the committee will reach out to Daniele Garner.

The committee confirmed with Pat Tucker that they can still approve projects for the year even though they are currently over budget. If they are over budget at the end of the year then Pat will be able to allocate funds from the State Council budget to accommodate the projects.

**The meeting was adjourned at 11:13 AM**

The next meeting will be held on January 9th at 10:00 AM at the Fairplay Fair Barn.

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