



**HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES**  
**Zoom Video Conference**  
**August 27, 2020**  
**1:00pm**

**Introductions:** **Members attending the meeting were:** DWM Darren Chacon/CPW, Scot Dodero/Livestock Grower, Hilary Boyd/BLM, Rick Bumgardner/Sportsperson, and Admin. Samantha Sorensen/CPW. **Guests attending the meeting were:** AWM Matt Yamashita, Peter Suneson, Kathryn Middleton, Jessica Foulis, Mike Luark, and DWM Brian Wodrich.

**General Public Comments:** Peter Suneson with Eagle County Open Space and Jessica Foulis with Eagle Valley Land Trust thanked the committee for funding the Ridgway conservation easement. It closed last month and includes 131 acres of crucial habitat.

**Budget Report:** Samantha provided committee members with a FY20 and FY21 budget report.

**Old Business:** Minutes from July 1 were presented and approved as written.

**New Business:** Horse Creek Irrigation: Mike gave an overview of his annual project. He pointed out that the contrast between irrigated and non-irrigated is amazing. The project is a great thing for wildlife and livestock benefits as well. Brian mentioned that the value shines through in a drought year. The committee approved \$5,000.00 for the project.

**Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion:** Chair/Co-Chair & Program Promotion: The committee continued their conversation regarding program promotion. Brian mentioned utilizing the newspaper and Peter offered to write up a testimonial. Jessica said she would be happy to share HPP information as well. Matt mentioned his plan to sit down with AVLT to discuss future goals. The committee also continued their discussion regarding a new chair and co-chair; the decision was made to elect Scot as the new chairman and Darren would remain the co-chair.

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**Roundtable:** Hilary-mentioned she would eventually like to bring some water catchment projects to the committee. Also, they hope to implement the Elk Ridge project next spring. Scot-said he would like to see HPP money spent on habitat projects in burn areas.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:46pm.