



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

Montelores HPP Committee

Zoom Video Conference
August 25th, 2020
6:30 p.m.

HPP Members Present: Andy Brown, CPW; John Sheek, Sportsman; Nate West, BLM; Eldon Simmons, Livestock Grower; Ivan Messinger, USFS

Guests: Pat Tucker, CPW; Jamie Johnson, MLC; Jerry Fetterman

Introductions & Budget Report:

Committee members and guests were introduced. The remaining budget at the start of the meeting was \$95,428.00.

New Business:

1. Jamie Johnson and Jerry Fetterman presented a reseeding project proposal. Approximately 80 acres of Mr. Fetterman's property were burned in the recent East Canyon fire, which was a high intensity fire and has resulted in erosion issues and weed reemergence. The property previously experienced significant use by deer and elk, which are now grazing on adjacent properties and causing conflicts. The proposal involves reseeding the burn area to help native forage species reestablish, as well preventing further noxious weed establishment and soil erosion. The committee discussed the proposed seed mix and recommended that Jim Garner review it prior to purchase. The project was approved for up to \$5,500 for seed purchase pending Jim's review.
2. The committee reviewed a pond cleaning proposal from Eldon Simmons. The pond is located on leased property, and it used to provide water for wildlife and livestock. However it has become silted in and does not hold water anymore. The project involves hiring a trackhoe operator to excavate the silt and reinforce the dam. Eldon will spend additional hours of labor to haul off the remaining excavated material. The pond is fed from a spring at the bottom, so using salt or bentonite to further treat the pond is not advisable. Eldon Simmons abstained from voting, and the remaining committee members approved the project for \$2,200.00 for contractor costs.

Roundtable:

1. The committee informally discussed a tentative fence project from Steve Johnson. Mr. Johnson's property borders BLM and the Wayne's World development, and the existing fence line is in severe disrepair. There are frequent trespass issues from recreational users on the BLM side. Mr. Johnson's project would involve removing the old fence and replacing it with new fence; however his preferred design does not meet wildlife-friendly specifications for height, number of wires, and wire spacing. The committee noted that while Mr. Johnson is welcome to submit an application, it is not likely that a fence that does not meet HPP specs would be approved.

Next Meeting: November 3rd @ 5:30pm via Zoom