



## HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

July 21st, 2020

Zoom Video Call

Committee Members present:

- Mike Trujillo, Colorado Parks and Wildlife AWM
- Terry Everhart, Livestock Grower
- Kenn Lutz, Livestock Grower
- Dwaine Robey, Sportsman
- John Stroh II, Livestock Grower
- Jeff Outhier, USFS
- Glenda Torres, BLM

Administrative Assistant:

- Hanna Cook

Guests: Kim Woodruff (CPW- DWM), Jeff Williams (BLM), Destiny Chapman (USFS), Patty Knupp (NRCS), Steve Oswald (Landowner), Allen Vitt (CPW Biologist), Pat Tucker (HPP Coordinator)

**Meeting called to order by John Stroh at 10:05 AM**

### **Budget Report**

The 2020 and 2021 budget reports were reviewed.

### **Old Business**

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Glenda Torres has been approved by the Parks and Wildlife Commission and is now officially the BLM representative for the SDCHPP committee.

### **New Business**

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

Steve Oswald/Sand Gulch Well Project-Kim Woodruff, Steve Oswald, Jeff Williams

Kim is asking HPP for \$4,500 for a solar panel and pump to install on a well that was drilled in the 2019 fiscal year in partnership with SDC HPP. The solar pump will pump water from the well to a tank on a grazing allotment. Currently, there is poor water distribution in the area, so grazing management has been difficult and wildlife have limited water sources. The new tanks will provide a reliable water source for wildlife and livestock, and will help to improve grazing management and big game distribution. There has been a lot of large scale habitat work done in the area, and this water development will help to tie those projects together to further

encourage big game to stay on public lands. This should help to reduce game damage claims on private lands. BLM will provide the tank and concrete, Muley Fanatics will pay \$4,000 of the solar pump cost, and the permittee Steve Oswald will contribute labor. CPW and BLM staff will also contribute time for planning, implementation, and monitoring.

**The project was approved for up to \$4,500.**

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

The committee has added railroad ties as an approved material for fence voucher reimbursements.

Bob Holder has let Hanna and Mike know that he is working with a landowner on a potential project for a new wildlife friendly fence. They do not have the application ready yet, but before they go through game damage they would like to discuss it with HPP. The funding request would be for labor to remove the old fence and build the new one. The committee is not interested in funding new fence builds, and they feel that this project would be best handled through CPW Game Damage. This has been their policy and the past, and they will continue to operate this way.

Mike let the committee know that there may be some water project requests on State Wildlife Areas coming in soon. They have been working on restoring wells on the Spanish Peaks SWA, and will work on restoring wells on the Bosque Del Oso SWA next. The restored wells along with food plots have been working very well to attract elk to the SWA.

**The meeting was adjourned at 11:18 AM**

**The next meeting will be held on: September 22nd, 2020 at 10:00 AM as a video call.**

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