



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES
Zoom Video Conference
June 10, 2020
1:00 pm

Introductions: **Members present:** AWM Lyle Sidener/CPW, Tiffany Rubalcaba/BLM, Chuck Alexander/Livestock Grower, GW Horine/Sportsperson, Doug Bruchez/Livestock Grower, and Admin. Samantha Sorensen. **Guests present:** Seth Jennings, Bryan Lamont, Koren Nydick, DWM Gene Abram, Gregory Hartsock, Julie Mao, HPP Coordinator Pat Tucker, Danielle Neumann, Katlin Miller, and DWM Rachel Sralla.

General Public Comments: None.

Budget: Samantha presented committee members with a FY20 and FY21 budget report. Pat explained that the State Council increased local budgets by 10% for the next two years.

Old Business: Approval of Minutes: The draft minutes from March 11 were presented and approved as written.

New Business: FY21 SRD Backcountry Weeds: Gregory gave some history and thanked the committee for funding in the past. 2019 was another successful year. RMEF funding \$7k. Cade Pickering will do the work again. The committee approved \$7,000.00.

FY21 MP Pronghorn Study: Bryan explained he would like to purchase 40 GPS collars to study pronghorn movements and seasonal distribution. The information produced by the study would help determine private versus public land use and could prove useful when looking at future highway crossings, habitat projects, and conservation. Pat pointed out that HPP only helps to jump start initial costs. The committee approved \$23,000.00 for the project.

FY20 MPCD Management Guide: Katlin talked about her proposed management guide geared toward new landowners in Middle Park. There have been similar publications in the past but nothing quite as in depth. Samantha pointed out that the guide covers a lot of different topics and that HPP related material only accounted for a very small portion; when Katlin was asked if she'd talked with any other entities or groups to see if they would be willing to cost share she said no, not yet. The committee decided they liked what Katlin had done but a few more partners to help share the cost would be great. Tabled.

D8 HMP Update & Comment Letter: Julie Mao gave an update on the changes to the plan. The committee supported CPW's preferred alternatives for both the population objective and sex ratio; Sam will write a comment letter.

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Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion: Summit Co. Aspen Promotion: Samantha read an email from Catherine Schloegel with The Nature Conservancy. In her email she explained that due to COVID travel restrictions and associated financial impacts, they were unable to initiate the project as planned.

State Council Updates-Tamarisk, Arch Surveys, etc.: Samantha passed along State Council updates. Required clearances are the responsibility of the proposing agency, however it may be appropriate to solicit money from HPP if the agency can immediately implement the project after the HPP clearance work is completed. While controlling tamarisk may be desirable, such control is outside of HPP's purpose for big game/ag conflicts or game mgmt. objectives. The State Council tentatively has a meeting scheduled for June 23 and 24, Fairplay if in person but a phone or video conference is more likely.

Interviews-Sportsperson Representative-POSTPONED: Postponed until September when we can hopefully hold an in-person meeting. Doug voiced that Conway has put in a lot of effort attending committee meetings and feels that he is somehow being dismissed as a candidate. Sam said she will advertise for the vacancy when she sends out the September announcement.

Next Meeting Date: September 9th Future Agenda Items: Sportsperson Rep. Interviews & Hunt Coordinator(s).

Roundtable: Lyle-announced that he is retiring at the end of June. The date of his retirement party is to be determined but he hopes the committee attends.
Chuck-mentioned that Dave had surgery recently.
Seth-new district ranger starts on July 6th.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:43pm.