



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES
Zoom Video Conference
September 8, 2020
7:00PM

Introductions: **Members attending the meeting were:** Sean Durham/Livestock Grower, DWM Evan Jones/CPW, Toni Toelle/BLM, Chad Green/Livestock Grower, and Admin. Samantha Sorensen/CPW. **Guests attending the meeting were:** Mary Beth Stepan, and Kurt Frentress.

General Public Comments: None.

Budget Report: Samantha provided committee members with a budget report.

Old Business: The minutes from August 11 were presented and approved as written.

New Business: Flanders Ranch 440 Acre Planting: Mary Beth explained that she reached out to the NRCS but they will only fund conversion of wheat fields into alfalfa or grass. She then mentioned that DWM Justin Pollock worked with CPW's Habitat Coordinator to pay for half of the seed mix. She requested that HPP pay for half of the remaining cost of the project. Last year the 440 acres were sprayed with herbicide and plowed to prepare for planting this fall. This will be the last stage that they seek funding for. Chad asked for a breakdown of the seed vs. farming costs. He voiced his concern over the amount of money being spent but wouldn't stand in the way. The committee approved \$9,900.00 for the project.

Distribution Management Hunts: Evan requested 200 cow elk vouchers to be used for damage control between December 1st and February 28th. He reminded the committee that he doesn't usually hand out even half but they are a good resource to have on hand. Need has gone down, hopefully that's a sign it's working. The committee approved 200 cow elk vouchers.

White Vinyl Wire Purchase: Evan explained that 50 rolls of hotcote were delivered but almost all of them are spoken for. He thought it might be a good idea to order another 50 rolls. It's mostly new folks asking for wire this go around. Chad felt it would be a good idea to wait until the December meeting to decide whether or not to order more. It would allow for some time to get through the current inventory and avoid an order during hunting season. Tabled.

Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion: Next Meeting: December 8th at 7pm. Future Agenda Items: White Vinyl Wire Purchase.

Roundtable: None.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.