



**HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES**  
**Zoom Video Conference**  
**January 21, 2021**  
**1:00pm**

**Introductions: Members present were:** Tiffany Rubalcaba/BLM, Todd Peterson/Sportsperson, DWM Jacob Way/CPW, Jim Baller/Livestock Grower, Danny Meyring/Livestock Grower, Tara Wertz/USFWS, Blaine Evans/Livestock Grower(1:13), and Admin. Samantha Sorensen/CPW. **Guests present were:** Ray Aberle, Regin Fletcher, HPP Coordinator Pat Tucker, AAWM Josh Dilley, and Jared Florell(1:15).

**General Public Comments:** None

**Budget Report:** Samantha provided a current budget report.

**Old Business:** Draft minutes from June 18 were approved as written.

**New Business:** State Council-Livestock Grower and Sportsperson Applicants: Todd Peterson expressed his interest in the Sportsperson vacancy; he also summarized his credentials and experience. The committee approved his nomination.

Jared Florell expressed his interest in the Livestock Grower vacancy; he also gave an explanation of his background. The committee approved his nomination. Samantha will email both Todd and Jared regarding next steps.

Blevins Clover Seeding: Regin Fletcher explained that he's trying to improve management of land in such a way that would benefit livestock and wildlife. Todd questioned whether it could create a game damage problem. Josh explained the ranch is enrolled in Ranching for Wildlife program; the goal is to hold animals longer and increase harvest. He also pointed out the potential for improved nutrition in female ungulates. Tiffany asked if the clover seed was a native variety. Tara noted it's not native and that alsike is known for toxicity in horses. The committee approved \$2,175.00 for the project.

At approximately 1:55pm-Regin, Tara, Josh, and Ray jumped off the call.

**Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion:** Stackyards-HPP and Game Damage: Pat went into the history of the statute. He explained that HPP has the opportunity to give their input first but if a Stackyard is denied then the division will furnish one.

Review Revised Application: Samantha pointed out that Tara, Jacob, and herself took some time to revise the stackyard application, with the hopes of reducing unanswered questions when reviewing requests. The committee approved the revised edition.

Select Next Meeting Date: March 25<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. The application deadline for fence damage and stackyard applications will be March 22<sup>nd</sup> and Sam will place an ad in the newspaper per usual. Future Agenda Items: Review Fence Damage and Stackyard Applications.

**Roundtable:** Jimmer: will provide Samantha with the contact info for the NP Stockgrowers Admin so she can pass on fence damage and stackyard application to her since it's likely they will not hold a Stockgrowers meeting in March. Todd: wondered if there'd been any movement on a new USFS representative. Jacob will reach out to the local office. Jacob: asked if the committee would be interested in any Mullin fire seeding and fence proposals. Committee thought seeding might be more appropriate than fence. Pat: mentioned post fire efforts out of the NW regional office, also stated Ray Aberle is the Private Lands Program Manager.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:38pm.