



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

White River HPP Committee

Zoom Video Conference

June 4, 2021

5:30pm

Introductions: Members present were: DWM Bailey Franklin/CPW, Mary Taylor/BLM, Lenny Klingelsmith/Livestock Grower, Angelo(Butch) Theos/Livestock Grower

Jim Brennan was absent but did give his proxy vote to Bailey.

Guests: Todd Graham and Katie Meiklejohn (Ranch Advisory Partners)

General Public Comments: None

Budget Report: Committee members were provided with a current budget report.

Old Business: Minutes from April 12 meeting were approved as written.

New Business: Berthelson Fence Crossing Project: Bailey presented the proposal from Wiley Berthelson asking for \$5000 to build 5 fence crossing on his ranch next to Oak Ridge SWA. Elk have historically moved through this area and continue to cause fence damage in much of his ranch. He originally requested 8 crossings but due to the purchase order deadline having passed, the request was reduced to 5. It is likely he will return to request the additional crossings next year but this will also give them a chance to see how these work for them. CPW holds a conservation easement on the ranch and so CPW will pay \$1250 and HPP will pay \$3750 for this project. **The project was approved for 5 crossings for \$5000 and will be constructed by June 30th.**

Ranch Advisory Partners: This is the second year of a 5 year contract between HPP and Ranch Advisory Partners for long term monitoring. Each year depends on the committee approving a budget amount for the coming year based on number of sites to be monitored, new sites, etc. The request this year was for \$50,000 for FY22. **The project was approved.**

Ranch Advisory Partners Presentation: As a contract requirement, RAP is required to present a report each year about the long term monitoring project. Bailey started the discussion with an overview and then Todd Graham and Katie Meiklejohn presented findings from a couple sites and discussed their conclusions. They are working on a searchable database but technological problems prevented it from being seen but a link will be sent to the committee for them to look at.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.