



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES
Zoom Video Conference
March 25, 2021
1:00pm

Introductions: Members present were: Tifany Rubalcaba/BLM, DWM Jacob Way/CPW, Jim Baller/Livestock Grower, Danny Meyring/Livestock Grower, Tara Wertz/USFWS, Blaine Evans/Livestock Grower, and Admin. Samantha Sorensen/CPW. **Guests present were:** Debbi Heeney, Jack Lewis, Katie Richman, Steve Zanoni, DWM Zach Weaver, and HPP Coordinator Pat Tucker.

General Public Comments: Todd Peterson provided Tara Wertz with his proxy via email.

Budget Report: Samantha provided a current budget report.

Old Business: Draft minutes from January 21 were approved as written.

New Business: Review Fence Damage & Stackyard Applications: The committee first considered Jack Lewis' stackyard application. He requested a 660' and is eligible for game damage. He used to use elk panels but would now like something permanent. A contractor is preferred. Jack allows public to hunt and doesn't charge. Game damage materials have not yet been requested. The stackyard would be located in an area where construction could start anytime. The committee approved to pay up to 75% of the construction costs.

The committee approved fence materials for the following landowners:

Jack Lewis

Deer Creek, Owl Mtn., Hell Creek

- 20 wood posts
- 30 steel posts
- 1 barbed wire
- 1 roll twisted wire
- 0 #9 black wire
- 25 lbs. 1 ¾" staples

Mark Hackleman

Hackleman East, Dunaway

- 0 wood posts
- 25 steel posts
- 0 barbed wire
- 0 roll twisted wire
- 0 #9 black wire
- 10 lbs. 1 ¾" staples

Danny Meyring
Meyring Livestock
-10 wood posts
-40 steel posts
-0 barbed wire
-1 roll twisted wire
-1 #9 black wire
-25 lbs. 1 ¼" staples

NP Angus Ranch
Canadian River, Gov. Creek
-0 wood posts
-30 steel posts
-0 barbed wire
-1 roll twisted wire
-0 #9 black wire
-25 lbs. 1 ¼" staples

VanValkenburg Cattle Co.
Indian Creek, Wilcheck, Mossman
-20 wood posts
-40 steel posts
-1 barbed wire
-1 roll twisted wire
-0 #9 black wire
-50 lbs. 1 ¼" staples

Baller Ranch
Funk, Singleton, RMR, FRH
-10 wood posts
-25 steel posts
-1 barbed wire
-0 roll twisted wire
-0 #9 black wire
-50 lbs. 1 ¼" staples

VanValkenburg Family
-15 wood posts
-25 steel posts
-1 barbed wire
-1 roll twisted wire
-0 #9 black wire
-50 lbs. 1 ¼" staples

Evans Land Co.
Evans Cattle, Fuller, Haworth
-10 wood posts
-30 steel posts
-0 barbed wire
-1 roll twisted wire
-0 #9 black wire
-25 lbs. 1 ¼" staples

Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion: Select Next Meeting Date: July 15 at 7pm.
Future Agenda Items: TBD

Roundtable: Tara shared Todd's thoughts on the same folks apply year after year-they might look into different fence designs to reduce damage. Some discussion took place as to why Jack mentioned he was opposed to vinyl wire. Pat Tucker gave the committee an update on where the State Council was in the process of filling vacancies. Jacob spoke with Amy Bauer; they have a new District Ranger Chris Olds and a new biologist Steve Zaroni-who introduced himself.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:04pm.