

HABITAT CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
for the Washington County Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP)
Work meeting – AUGUST 25, 2009

A work meeting of the Habitat Conservation Advisory Committee (HCAC) was held in the Conference Room at the Washington County Administration Building, 197 E. Tabernacle St., on August 25, 2009.

Committee members present were:

Chris Blake, Vice Chairman	Environmental Organization
Jimmy Tyree	Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
Bob Sandberg	Washington County HCP Administrator
Reed Harris	Utah Dept. of Natural Resources (UDNR)
Marc Mortensen	Citizen-at-Large

Absent and excused:

Karl Wilson, Chairman	Mayors Association
Jeff Morby	Local Development
Larry Crist	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS)

Also present were:

Alan Gardner	Washington County Commissioner
Brad Young	Washington County HCP

SYNOPSIS: The purpose of this work meeting was to discuss the proposed 2010 HCP budget. No motions or decisions were made.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Chris Blake called the meeting to order at 10:01 A.M. There were only four voting members present, a quorum did not exist.

2. DISCUSSION ITEM

- a.** The proposed 2010 HCP budget.

The committee members entered into a general discussion regarding the proposed budget prepared by HCP Administrator Bob Sandberg; they referred to Exhibit 2-a-1 HCAC Wrk mtng – 082509. The members discussed the possibility of an additional budget cut this year or a possible budget cut next year. Alan Gardner said that the county's budget is holding steady and he does not foresee an additional budget cut this year.

Bob Sandberg and the members talked about the \$50,000.00 request made by Elaine York of The Nature Conservancy on July 28, 2009. The members considered possible sources for the \$50,000.00 in this year's budget. The sources discussed include the \$30,000.00 in the Other Species line item, fencing, and the \$50,000.00 budgeted for the BLM Realty Specialist.

The members referred to Exhibit 2-a-2 HCAC Wrk mtng – 082509 and talked about expenditures, and funds remaining in the fencing line item. Members also discussed fence maintenance costs, vandalism repair and fence cutting enforcement. Habitat protection was emphasized.

Using Section 6 monies for land acquisition within the Reserve was talked about. The deadline for applying for funds this year has passed. Purchase of in-holdings and possible funding sources were discussed.

Exhibit 2-a-1 was reviewed in detail. Specific line items were selected for discussion. Those line items included 110, 130, 313, and 316. A separate meeting with law enforcement representatives was suggested. Other line items discussed included 231, 443, 312, 242, 742 and 770. Revenues and projected income were also talked about. Members again referred to Exhibit 2-a-2 and discussed revenue, the reserve account balance, and line items 445, 710 and 319. The members made suggestions and recommendations on the line items discussed.

3. ADJOURN

There were no other items to discuss.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:11 A.M.

Minutes prepared by Brad Young.