

**Upland Game Bird Enhancement Program Advisory Council**  
**Draft Agenda**

**Meeting Date: September 12 and 13, 2022**

Location: Basement of Great Northern Hotel (GNH), 2 S 1st St E, Malta, MT 59538.

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**Objectives**

- 1) Tour habitat projects in Phillips County; learn about conservation partnerships and activities in this area
- 2) Department and legislative updates
- 3) Report FY 22 updates to the Council, including expenditures and balances.
- 4) Provide Council with a summary of program accomplishments and regional updates from the 2022 field season
- 5) Program updates and statuses: *VPA-HIP, pheasant releases, partnerships*
- 6) Partner accomplishments during the 2022 field season
- 7) Receive Council's feedback for the 2022 field season

**Agenda**

**Monday, Sept. 12**

- 8:30 am Meeting begins – Great Northern Hotel, basement meeting room
- ◆ Introductions (Kleppen)
  - ◆ Meeting highlights
    - ◆ Acceptance of March 28, 2022 minutes (Kleppen)
    - ◆ General Housekeeping
    - ◆ Purpose of UGBEP Council, brief history of the UGBEP (Northrup)
- 9:00 am Program summary for FY 22 (Hohler)
- ◆ Revenue, balances, and expenditures
  - ◆ Program enrollments during 2022 field season, VPA-HIP enrollments/balance, Partnership statuses.
  - ◆ Legislative Report
  - ◆ Strategic Plan update
  - ◆ Department review of UGBEP cost-list – overview and status (Debbie, Ken, Justin, and Matt)
- 10:00 am UGBEP regional updates for 2022 field season (Matt, Ken, Justin)
- 10:45 NWTF updates for 2022 field season (Dave Nikonow)
- 11:00 PF updates for 2022 field season (Martin Townsend)

11:15 Overview of tour (Ken Plourde).  
11:30 am Lunch at hotel, buffet style.  
1:00 pm Meet in parking lot for tour. Vans are available, carpooling encouraged.  
5:00 pm Return from tour  
6:00 pm Dinner at hotel (buffet style)

**Tuesday, Sept. 14**

8:30 am Tour discussion and highlights  
9:00 am RSA: Martin Townsend, PF Coordinating Biologist. Introduction to Rancher Stewardship Alliance (RSA) partner-led conservation in the Phillips County area.  
9:30 am Division/Legislative update (Ken McDonald)  
10:00 Region 6: Outreach activities aimed to engage youth in hunting, fishing, and recreational opportunities. (Marc Kloker, R6 Information and Education Program Manager)  
10:30 am Council discussion and comments/recommendations to the department  
11:30 pm Identify meeting agenda items, dates, and venues for 2023. Meeting wrap-up. Council membership changes?  
12:00 pm Public comment  
12:30 pm Lunch at GNH

**Helpful Info**

**Link to the UGBEP Strategic plan:**

<https://myfwp.mt.gov/getRepositoryFile?objectID=51736>

**UGBEP Web Page:**

<https://fwp.mt.gov/ugbep>