



Pinchot Partners

WORKING ON COMMON GROUND

JULY 19, 2023 | 9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Location: St Mary's Mission, Toledo, WA

In attendance

Board Members: John Squires, John O'Brien, Anjolene Ngari Price, Fred Norman, David Owen, Sharon Hanna*, Matt Comisky*, Anna Backlund*. *Staff:* Janene Ritchie, Constance Mears. *Guests and Visitors:* Dalton Fry, CIT Director of Natural Resources; Sheryl Hall* GP Trash Force; Elliott Johnson, DFW; Peter Sandifer, Aide to Rep. Marie Gluesenkamp Perez*; Bob Russell; Andrew Spaeth, DNR.

Introductions

BUSINESS MEETING

Today's agenda. MOTION to approve: David Owen. 2nd: Fred Norman. **CARRIED.**

June meeting minutes. MOTION to approve: Anjolene Ngari. 2nd: Sharon Hanna. **CARRIED.**

Treasurer's report. Janene Ritchie on behalf of Ashley Short: Ashley Short, new treasurer as of July 1. Our current balance is **\$9,513.14**. The MasterCard balance is \$139.46.

- One more outstanding invoice - Dept. of Natural Resources
- Ashley now has access to Quickbooks and the ability to pay contractors via direct deposit.
- Janene removed Dave Owen and Pete Krabbe from the bank account and replaced with John O'Brien, new Chair, and Ashley Short, new Treasurer. We ordered new credit cards.
- Transition is smooth.

MOTION to approve: David Owen. 2nd: Anjolene Ngari. **CARRIED.**

Action items / Key Tasks

Janene will add review of the Recreation Zone of Agreement document to the agenda of a future meeting.

✓ Due: Aug. 1, 2023. Status: Completed.

Janene will connect Fred and Josh to get more information on the Johnston Ridge road repair.

✓ Due: Aug. 1, 2023. Status: Completed.

Constance will repost about fire restriction on Pinchot Partners social media.

✓ Due: July 25, 2023. Status: Completed.

Theresa Tanner will email Constance and Janene a detailed report.

✓ Status: Completed.

PROGRAMMING MEETING

Pay raises for contractors: Janene Ritchie

MOTION to approve retroactive raises for Constance and Janene to the dates of their contract, when we receive RAC funding. Sharon Hanna. 2nd: David Owen. Opposed by Fred Norman.

CARRIED, but the group would like consensus.

MOTION to table the decision until the RAC funding is received. First: Fred Norman. Second: Anjolene Ngari. Matt: according to our by-laws and operating manual, business operations are passed by a simple majority, not unanimous vote.

MOTION TABLED until RAC funding is received.

Operations Update: Janene Ritchie

Leave No Trace event in Packwood with Gifford Pinchot Trash Force was a success.

The event included three educational and outreach events plus a Sunday clean up at Skate Creek. Sheryl Hall said 13 people participated in the trash pick up

Janene is closing out invoices for DNR Building Forest Partnerships and onboarding Ashley as treasurer.

A committee has been working for close to a year on the Recreation Zone of Agreement.

Board Review of draft Recreation Zone of Agreement. Sharon Hanna.

Sharon Hanna read the document and led discussion of this topic.

Request for Johnston Ridge Access Update: Fred

Fred doesn't understand why it would take so long to replace.

Janene: I will connect Fred and Josh to get more information.

Forest Service Update: Theresa Tanner

Recreation.

La Wis Wis campground improvement project has begun, with \$1.6M in Great American Outdoor Act funding

Iron Creek campground is still closed; fire is controlled, but not OUT. We will work with the concessionaire for a partial reopening, once the fire is OUT. CVRD fire personnel continue to patrol for smokes/hot spots.

NW Youth Corps will have a crew on CVRD for 13 weeks to work on motorized trails.

Fire restriction in place on GPF: campfires/charcoal only permitted at approved/listed developed campgrounds

Yellowjacket EA update.

Mollusk surveys are complete. We are fortunate to have Stephanie Riess as our NEPA lead for Yellowjacket, as a 4-month detail; she brings a ton of energy and expertise to the role. The Interdisciplinary Team meeting is Tuesday, July 25.

Timber sales.

- Spud thin, Nash, Lynx stewardship, Catt, Ben4 stewardship, Watch, Bear, Cora, Soldier, and Skinner.
- Ames stewardship pre-bid meeting was Monday, July 17.

Hiring.

Two new permanent staff have been hired at CVRD, both local hires and previous temp seasonal employees.

- Chad Winkler is our new Admin Operations Specialist (Admin supervisor)
- Melissa Garza is our new Admin Support Assistant

Legislative Update: Peter

Marie is available Thursday, Aug. 10th for a forest site tour. The Congresswoman will be at the GP Joint

Collaborative meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 22 at Clark College, in Vancouver for the last hour (1-2 pm).

She is working on three bills that affect the Forest Service, one being the extension and expansion of the Good Neighbor Authority program.

Other business:

None at this time.

The meeting adjourned at 11:34

Minutes prepared by Sharon Hanna

Notes taken by Constance Mears