



Pinchot Partners

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Pinchot Partners Monthly Meeting

1.19.2022

9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Location: Via Zoom

In Attendance: Janene Ritchie, Tiffini Johnson, Emeline (DNR), David Owen, Fred Norman, John O'Brien, Elizabeth Robinson (FS), Christina Donehower (CIT), Matt Comisky, Samuel Grimm, Eli Asher, Lucy Brookham, Nikia Hernandez, Anjolene Price. Andrew Spaeth, Pete Krabbe.

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 AM

Welcome and introductions:

MOTION: A motion was made to approve today's agenda 1st: John O'Brien 2nd: Lucy Brookham: MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the December meeting minutes 1st: David Owen 2nd: John O'Brien: MOTION CARRIED

Treasurers Report/David Owen: The current checking balance is \$28,126.73 (This included the last DNR invoice). We currently have two outstanding invoices for our Forest Service grants. As of today, Janene and David met with Mountain View CPA's. They have their review and recommendations. This will be discussed at the annual meeting as well as moving our accounting software over to QuickBooks. David Owen would like to spend \$270.00 annually and \$22.00 dollars a month for a subscription through Mountain View CPA's. John O'Brien would like the Mountain View report sent out prior to the annual meeting if possible.

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the purchase of the QuickBooks and accrual system 1st: John O'Brien 2nd: Matt Comisky: MOTION CARRIED

Programming Meeting: Thank you to Lucy Brookham for her contributions to this group. Lucy will be moving on to the Nature Conservancy as a Policy Associate and will be greatly missed. Pinchot Partners will officially designate Molly Whitney and remove Lucy Brookham from the board of Directors. Fred Norman indicated that we could waive the rule to change the directorship.

MOTION: A Motion was made to remove Lucy Brookham as a Director and appoint Molly Whitney 1st: Fred Norman 2nd: David Owen. Abstention: Lucy Brookham-MOTION CARRIED

GNA Update/Sam Grimm: Sam Grimm would be glad to join the next month meeting to advise of what they discussed at their annual meeting. Sam Grimm advised the board and participants on the GNA form revenue procedures. 22 MBF was sold creating 6.8 million in revenue.

Forest Service Updates/Elizabeth Robinson: We have rec'd comments back and are continuing to collect information and are coming up with design criteria. The FS will be doing final review on road network changes. Some things included in the scoping will not be included in the Environmental Analysis – With NEPA, the FS has different tools that can be used. Elizabeth Robinson states they are close to getting the Environmental Assessment pulled together and are shooting for February to get this out to the public. The next IDT meeting is scheduled for February 8th. There was 165 units proposed and 140 of those were selected.

2022 Annual Meeting/Janene Ritchie: The annual meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday Feb 16th from 9AM-12:30. This will be the Pinchot Partners business meeting. On day two scheduled for February 23rd from 9AM-12:30 will be the Forest Service Day. In person meetings are not the best idea currently. We will have satellite sites of smaller groups. One site



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will be in the valley and one potentially closer to Chehalis/Centralia and another near Portland area. Janene is coordinating this but is not opened to gathering even in a small group at this time. We will leave the small groups up to whoever would want to gather. This will be up to you to coordinate. Janene can assist wherever this is needed.

Fred Norman would like to know how this event will be advertised. Janene will be getting press releases out in the newsletter, Facebook page, local paper, and the website. Tentative agendas were discussed, and we should expect to have a similar set up in the previous years.

Executive Director Update/Janene Ritchie: The commissioner on the Outdoor Recreation and Touring Committee Board of commissioners voted to dissolve this group. The Trails Recreation Education Advocacy Development (TREAD) App is being used in central Washington. This is a trail-based app and takes involvement from rec users, land managers and local community groups. This is a way for rec users to look up trails and give real time feedback to managers. The White Pass scenic byway meets periodically and talks about the tread app as well. FS folks could play a big part of this if it were possible for them to update those apps per Nikia. What is the vision for Packwood in the next 20 years?

Gifford Pinchot Trash Force (GPTF)/Janene Ritchie-No garbage pickup has been going on due to weather conditions. Lewis County solid waste has been strategizing to spend extra funding in east Lewis County this year. There is a push for toilets on skate creek with non-Forest Service dollars. The May skate Creek Road cleanup is schedule. Working with Garbage Co. to stage dumpster for the 52 road cleanups.

Janene has been working on the NFF grant and was able to get the grant submitted this week. If we do not get awarded this grant, we will use this as a learning mechanism. Janene's husband will be moving on to the next assignment in Federal Way. This will be happening in the month of May.

Forest Service/Nikia Hernandez: Congrats to Lucy, Thank you for your involvement and advocacy.

Temp hiring is in full swing. The Forest Service has 27 seasonal positions that they hope to fill, with compacity for 16 in the bunkhouse.

Rural Advisory Committee (RAC): The committee has not formally met. We hope the RAC is in full compacity this fall. They will be allocating funds and prioritizing past projects. Funds will also be allocated for roads maintenance as a priority, they hope to receive funds for the Cowlitz Valley for the wilderness rangers. Most of our seasonal help is grant funded. The exact dollar amounts are to be determined. The Forest Service is starting to strategize on how an influx of funds will be spent.

Most good road work gets done when we have timber sales or stewardship sales. Snow parks, the state has this contract and they have moved all of snow parks down lower on the road systems.

Firewood Permits going hot and heavy this year due to them being free. They have had allot of interest in these. The office has been open from 8:00-12:30 for in person visits. So far nothing major has been reported other than downed trees due to the weather. No status yet on the grader. Both road engineer operators retired.

Coldwater lake restrooms: Fred Norman asks if this is something the Pinchot Partners could potentially help fund?

Good of the Order: Eli Asher states the final determination for fish passage remains appropriate in the Lewis River. PacifiCorp is going to have to reinstate passage. Christine Donehower and Emeline introduced themselves to the board.

The meeting concluded at 11:13 AM

Minutes prepared by,

Fred Norman/Tiffini Johnson