



Pinchot Partners

WORKING ON COMMON GROUND

Pinchot Partners Monthly Meeting

3.17.2021

9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Location: Via Zoom

In attendance: Taylor Aalvik, Fred Norman, Janene Ritchie, Amy Boyd, Cheyenne Adamonis, Anjolene Price, David Owen, Pete Krabbe, Conner England FS, Lucy Brookham, Sean Tran, DNR, John O'Brien, Matt Mawhirter FS, Tracy Calizon, Andrew Spaeth, Elizabeth Robinson, Gina Owen, Bob Guenther, Erik White, Sheryl Hall (Trash Force?) Matt Comisky, Nikia Hernandez FS

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 am by Taylor Aalvik

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the January Meeting Minutes, Day 1 & Day 2 of the Annual Meeting Minutes 1st: Pete Krabbe 2nd: John O'Brien-MOTION CARRIED

Treasurers Report/David Owen: Last month we agreed to terminate our account with Toledotel. This has been done and the final bill has been paid. We will be saving \$340.00 a year. The check from Cascade Forest Conservancy has cleared (27k). We now have \$11,500.71 as the available balance.

MOTION: A motion to approve the Treasures Report was made 1st: Fred Norman 2nd: Anjolene Price-MOTION CARRIED

Programming Meeting:

- 10 Year Integrated Vegetation Management Plan, 2020-2030/ Elizabeth Robinson
This sets the stage for the veg management for the next decade. Historically this has been used to get the entire forest treated. This also influences where funds are generated. The timber is providing the funds for many of the restoration projects. This is an ongoing process. The last version they completed was 2014. There have been changes in priorities since 2014. There are new values, new tools and new partnerships. The presentation provided the steps to the process of updating the 10-year vegetation Mgt. Plan. (See Elizabeth Robinson for this slide)
North Zone Proposed Planning Areas:2021-2030. Elizabeth provided a map of Planning areas by location from 2021-2030. The year that the work will begin is indicated on the site name (See Elizabeth for this map)

Introduction to Cheyenne Adomonis Silviculturist. Cheyenne has already been out in the field and will be jumping right in. She comes for the Chattahoochee Forest. Feel free to call or email her with any questions. Nikia mentions that Cheyenne has come highly regarded and they are excited to have her join their team.

- Resiliency/Succession- Janene Ritchie: Janene will be taking maternity leave for 8 weeks July 12th-Labor Day. This is dependent upon when the baby arrives. Janene will potentially miss an august field trip. She will return the beginning of September. Her plan is to spend the next few months in planning ahead. She will be reaching out to folks to assist in filling in in her absence. She will do as much as possible to offer support in her absence. She requests to submit her time worked ahead while on leave so that she can still receive and income on the work completed. Bob Guenther mentions that it would be good for us to start thinking about a retreat. 2022 seems like a great year to go on an annual retreat per Janene.

Taylor commends Janene for giving us advanced notice on her leave. Taylor would like to find an alternate way for her to receive her full pay while on leave. We can develop a plan in the next few months. Janene would like to set a meeting with just the directors to discuss this plan. Taylor would like all directors to work on ideas to make this possible.

David would like to reiterate that he would like to have a knowledgeable accounting person to come in and establish a baseline for accounting purposes to utilize. We are writing checks for significant amounts of money. Janene states that we have money built into our DNR grant for this (2k) specifically for financial consultation. We may be on a tight timeline to make this happen. An audit and statement of work with recommendations to tighten up procedures would be helpful. Right now

MOTION: A motion was made to hire a Financial Consultant to arrange and implement an audit and provide suggestions on any improvements 1st: David Owen 2nd: Pete Krabbe –MOTION CARRIED

This is to authorize the treasurer to implement an audit and best practices for the financial outlook of the Pinchot partners. The Treasurer will then present any findings to the board. Bob Guenther would like to hire someone local for this matter.

- Forest Service Updates/Nikia Hernandez: Most of our staff is prepping for our yellow Jacket stand meeting. This will have to be completely virtual unfortunately. If any members have interest in attending this please reach out to Elizabeth Robinson Meetings will take place on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays Begins 3/23/21 at 9:00 am. March 23-25, March 30-April 1, April 6-8. This is the time of year that all of our partners want their agreements back so they can get to work on their projects. Volunteer agreements are getting updated and in place. Cowlitz Valley will be getting toilets replaced!

Funding is trying to be secured again for porta potties on Skate Creek. Judd was the first sale out of Krause Ridge. This is well over halfway logged. Cascade Forest Conservancy has been putting together plans for a beaver dam analog. Bob Guenther has asked that the Lewis County Economic Council call Nikia as they would like to get someone from the forest on that board. Bob Guenther- Is looking at about 1 million on electric stations on the scenic byways. Bob suggests talking to John Squires about the road of the Matriarchs. Bob Guenther says a tag should be added to the toilets about what it cost to the taxpayers with the hopes that they do not destroy it when they see it. A discussion was had about the statistics of things being destroyed far less when the American flag is on something.

Motor vehicle use maps have arrived at the FS you can upload the new maps they will be on the website shortly. Tracy Calizon will coordinate to get boxes out.

- Coordinator Update/Janene: DNR building forest Partnerships Grant Applications is due April 23rd there is a technical review that is due this Friday. She should get feedback then and will update once she hears further.

Janene will also be submitting an invoice and a collaborator's report by the end of this month. Along with the DNR invoice. In April we should get an influx of money.

Round Table Updates:

Fred Norman states that one of the main principles of the PP is jobs.

Introduction to Erik White, Wildlife Program Manager (Include Erik White on another meeting agenda to give us a presentation on Beaver Reintroduction).

The meeting is adjourned at: 11:13 AM by Taylor Aalvik

Minutes Prepared By,

Fred Norman/Tiffini Johnson