

June Meeting Notes - Hampton Mill Tour

Wednesday, June 18th, 2025 | 9am- 11:30am Hampton Mill, Randle Division 10166 US-12 Randle, WA 98377

In attendance.

PP Staff: Janene Ritchie, Sarah Yeoman; PP Board: John O'Brien, John Squires, David Owen, Anjolene Ngari, Fred Norman, Matt Cominsky, Bob Guenther, Bill Little, Amy Boyd; PP Advisory Group: US Forest Service: Quentin Hall; Fish& Wildlife: Elliot Johnson; Deidre Hayward, Anna Nakae

Today's Agenda. MOTION to approve: Fred Norman; Second: Anjolene Ngari; CARRIED.

May Meeting Minutes. MOTION to approve: Matt Cominsky; second: David Owen; CARRIED

Treasurer's Report, Janene Ritchie. Checking account balance is \$70,087.19. Credit card balance is \$0.

• Figured out the credit card payments issue with Key Bank and everything is working smoothly again.

MOTION to approve: John Squires; second: David Owen. CARRIED.

Action Items:

- Distributed Packwood Trails Day poster
- Sent joint collaborative letter to congressional representatives.

Forest Service Updates, Quentin Hall

- Field trip with Pinchot Partners will be July 16 looking at areas and updates where projects are, as well as another new project north of Packwood.
- Update on the need for survey: Looks like there may be survey support next year that
 would not hold the project up. They need financial backing to bring in contractor.
 Question as to whether Pinchot Partners may be willing to identify money for survey,
 ideas welcome.
- Will be preparing a community engagement campaign about the project when the agenda gets firmed up. They will also need to potentially identify property owners beforehand but want to have a better timeline worked out.
- Washington Conservation Corps crew of 8 volunteers has showed up and will be around for a few weeks.
- All seasonal fire folks are on district.

Operations Updates, Janene Ritchie

- Janene will send out the sponsorship sheet for the Fungi Festival. Sponsorship levels range from \$250-\$2500. All speakers are lined up and they are looking for marketplace vendors.
- Reapplying for Cowlitz statewide foundation grant. The National Forest Foundation collaborative capacity grant is open for applications. Haven't heard anything about RAC funding yet, but Janene will check back soon.
- Community wildfire event in partnership with DNR is on July 30 in Packwood.
- Final edits to the bylaws and operations manual will be sent for review.

Roundtable Updates

- Anjolene Ngari is headed back to DC in September and the case study with the Washington forest collaborative will be relevant there. Hampton is also meeting with forest leadership team and AFRC has put together a G-Z primer.
- Matt Cominsky: Forest Products round table will be having its last meeting in Yakama on July 24. Forest Health Advisory Committee is undertaking discussion on what a Western Washington forest plan could look like.
- Great American Outdoors funding will replace toilets on the forest this year. High Bridge Trail bridge will be replaced this year.

Tour of Hampton Lumber Mill - Richard French, Hampton Lumber

Minutes prepared by Sarah Yeoman