



# Pinchot Partners

WORKING ON COMMON GROUND

**NOVEMBER 16, 2022 | 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

Location: St Mary's Mission, Toledo, WA and via Zoom\*

## In attendance

*Board Members:* Pete Krabbe, Ashley Short\* CFC, John O'Brien (CIT), Sharon Hanna, Bill Little, Anjolene Ngari Hampton Lumber, John Squires, David Owen, Matt Comisky AFRC, *Staff:* Janene Ritchie, Constance Mears

US Forest Service: Josh Chapman, USFS GPFS

*Guests and Visitors:* Anna Baklund\* Lewis Trails; Gina Owen, resident; Judy Roberts, resident; Christina Donehower, Cowlitz Indian Tribe; Sean Roome, GRVA\*; Andrew Spaeth, DNR Natural Resources Department\*; Greg LaDue-Grove, Cowlitz Indian Tribe; Brook Squires, resident

## Introductions

## Business Meeting

**Today's agenda.** MOTION to approve: John O'Brien; 2nd: Bill Little - **CARRIED**.

**October meeting minutes.** MOTION to approve: John O'Brien ; 2nd: Sharon Hanna - **CARRIED**

New agenda includes time for Janene to go over action items from the previous meeting.

**Treasurer's report.** Janene, on behalf of David Owen: Current balance of **\$19,656.14** in checking. There are no unusual expenses or impending bills Pete and Janene have been added to Pinchot Partners' Key Bank account.

MOTION to approve: 1st. Anjolene Ngari 2nd: John O'Brien - **CARRIED**

## Action items / Key Tasks

**Sean Roome:** Sean Roome will send Janene a copy of the letter of support from the Cowlitz Indian Tribe regarding a legislative withdrawal from mining in the Green River Valley.

✓ Due: When possible. Status: Completed Nov. 21

**Janene Ritchie:** Will forward that letter to the Board.

✓ Due: When possible. Status: Completed Nov. 21.

**Janene Ritchie:** Will add the topic of writing a letter of support for the Green River Valley Alliance from Pinchot Partners to the January executive session agenda.

● Due: January 11. Status: In progress.

**Janene Ritchie:** Will look into securing the Packwood Fire Hall and create a draft agenda for the 2023 Annual Meeting, Feb. 8 and 9, 2023.

● Due: As soon as possible. Status: In progress.

**Constance Mears:** Offered to talk with the Forest Service Communications team about the larger issue of communication with the community.

✓ Due: When available. Status: Completed Nov. 23.

CVRD Communications team will relay concerns to Theresa Tanner.

**Josh Chapman:** Will follow up with Theresa Tanner regarding closure of road to Packwood Lake.

● Due: When available. Status: In progress.

**Janene Ritchie:** Will create a proposal for ideas to consider at the December or January meeting.

● Due: January 18th. Status: In progress.

**Constance Mears:** Constance will provide new logo options based on Board feedback next meeting.

● Due: December 21. Status: In progress.

### **Programming Meeting**

Note: Andy McEvoy was unable to present the Quantitative Wildfire Risk Assessment Presentation.

### **Sean Roome, Green Valley River Alliance (GRVA) Follow Up**

Sean updated the Board on GRVA's 'No Place For A Mine' Campaign to secure a legislative withdrawal from mining in the Green River Valley. Sean said he had received an official letter of support from the Cowlitz Tribe thanks to Christina Donehower and John O'Brien, and was hoping Pinchot Partners could provide one as well. Ashley added that, so far, Ascot (mining company) has only asked for a prospect permit, and those Environmental Assessments have now expired. Administrative withdrawal (at the state level) would create a 20-year withdrawal. Congress is the only entity that can create a permanent withdrawal. Sean said that GRVA is taking a multi-pronged approach.

Discussion:

David Owen suggested leveraging the fact that Ascot Resources is a foreign mining company (Canadian). Pete suggested contacting newly elected third-district Congresswoman Marie Gluesenkamp Perez.

Sean said he would share the letter they received from the Cowlitz Indian Tribe, if it would help as a starting point for Pinchot Partners to provide a letter of support as well.

Anjolene suggested we talk about this at the January executive session, after seeing the Cowlitz Tribe's letter. Janene will forward the letter to the Board and add this item to the January executive session agenda.

### **Dates for Annual Meeting & Anniversary Celebration – Janene Ritchie**

#### **February 2023 Annual meeting dates:**

Board decided on a full day on February 8th and a half day on February 9th, 2023. John Squires will provide lunch on the first day. Janene will look into securing the Packwood Fire Hall and create a draft agenda.

Agenda suggestions by the board:

- Board elections

- 2023 Work plan
- Secure a list of current personnel and positions at the Forest Service
- Discussion of Fire (and communication/collaboration) this year
- Discussion of socio-economics with the Forest Service, how much timber is coming off the CVRD in 2023.

### **Anniversary Celebration - Janene Ritchie**

Great time to celebrate Pinchot Partners 20-year anniversary.

Janene is beginning to plan for the Partner's 20-year anniversary next year. She envisions events and communications throughout 2023 that help us explain the history and purpose of our collaborative to the community. She will be preparing a plan in the next months and asked for suggestions.

Suggestions:

- A June event, possibly after a field trip
- Consider Packwood Museum's meeting room
- An open house with booths/stations for our diverse stakeholders: NFS, DNR, CFC, Cowlitz Tribe, Hampton
- A Q&A session with partners all together
- Food and family-oriented activities
- Hold at a time when working people can attend
- Invite South Gifford
- Share the collaboration "origin" story of Cowlitz tribe supporting tree-sitters in the 80's.

### **Communications Update – Constance Mears**

Constance provided a new logo design and social media content strategy samples.

Constance will provide new logo options based on feedback next meeting.

### **Operations Update – Janene Ritchie**

Janene is closing out of old grants with final invoicing. Funds will sustain work in 2023-24.

She will be working on a proposal for Title II RAC funding.

Pinchot Partners is now using Quickbooks.

### **Forest Service update - Josh Chapman CVFD, USFS**

#### **Skate Creek update:**

Waylaid by the fires. Everything was on pause. We will reestablish IDT teams toward moving ahead with the Environmental Assessment (EA) for YellowJacket. There have been no Yellowjacket meetings in two months. I have been briefing Theresa about the project.

Josh. I've been asking Theresa for a timeline. Stands over 80 were scheduled for a fall survey window. It was dry, then immediately too cold and freezing. We are working to have a contract together for Spring. An option is to make a split decision, with a secondary decision in Spring for the stands over 80 years old.

Anjolene: I would advocate for a split decision.

#### **Closure of road to Packwood Lake with no community discussion**

John Squires reported that many Packwood residents feel that the Packwood Lake road should be reopened since there is no longer any fire danger.

Josh Chapman, USFS said he will follow up with District Ranger, Theresa Tanner.

Discussion:

John Squires - The fire was an opportunity to be a partner with the community.

David Owen - It was an opportunity to make it us — not us and them. But many felt, again, “they did it to us.”  
The situation could be better if the community is brought into the decision-making process.

John Squires: We (Pinchot Partners) could be ambassadors with the locals.

Constance offered to talk with the FS Communications team about communication with the community.

Josh - This is a great opportunity to work together.

**Other business:**

**RECREATION**

Judy - What is the group doing around timber management, fisheries, water, recreation?

Janene: Next Zones of Agreement subcommittee is focused on Recreation.

One idea that came up at the first meeting is to hold Listening sessions in the communities.

At the start of that meeting, you would let them know what our mission is. Let them know we won't immediately act on what they say, but we want to hear from them and consider how to respond.

The word Recreation is in our mission statement. What do we mean by that?

Anna - The GP Sustainable Trails Coalition has been meeting for several months, creating a sustainable trails plan, which will help FS know which direction to go.

John S - Recreation can cause even more environmental impacts from visitors. Packwood is doing a 20-year plan. We don't want to be Leavenworth.

Anjolene - We want to be careful of what stance we take — why we're not as loud as a voice, to avoid disagreeing with large blocks of locals.

Judy - if we're not maintaining the trails, there has to be other options open.

The meeting adjourned at 11:39

Minutes prepared by Sharon Hanna

Notes taken by Constance Mears