



# Pinchot Partners

WORKING ON COMMON GROUND

Pinchot Partners Monthly Meeting

6.16.21

9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Location: Via Zoom

In attendance: Fred Norman, Janene Ritchie, Sheryl Hall GPTF, Matt Mawhirter, FS. Sharon Hannah, John O'Brien, Taylor Aalvik, Tiffini Johnson, Pete Krabbe, Elizabeth Robinson, FS, Lucy Brookham, Andrew Spaeth, DNR, Nikia Hernandez, FS. Sean Roome, Tracy Calizon, FS, Anjolene Price, Matt Comisky, Sean Tran, DNR.

The meeting began at 9:04 AM

Review of the agenda and Meeting notes:

**MOTION: Motion to approve the agenda Fred Norman 2<sup>nd</sup>: Pete Krabbe – MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION: April/May Meeting Minutes Anjolene Price 2<sup>nd</sup> Lucy Brookham – MOTION CARRIED**

**Treasurers Report:** There haven't been any unusual transactions. The current balance is \$3,460.71. Three invoices will be submitted by end of month in the amount of \$51,246.00. We should have a good influx within the next 6 weeks. David is not present Janene presented the Report. No motion was made

**Coordinator Updates:**

Update from the Gifford Pinchot Trash Force: The dispersed campsites are a large problem. The GP Trash Force received a dumpster. They are using that now as they offload the garbage. Sheryl Hall meets with the commissioners on Mondays of every month. Gary Stamper is going to hire someone for the garbage.

The Federal System for Award Management is complete and up and functioning. This is the system that the feds use to reimburse grants and contracts. Two grants for the FS have been submitted. They should know in a few weeks if it has been approved.

David and Janene have been reaching out Mountain View CPA. They have an office based out of Morton on the Financial accounting and tax assessment. They recommend starting with a compilation of 2019-2020, 2020-2021 to review and track that everything is in order. They would then move to a more in-depth statement review. This funding is coming from the DNR building Forest Partnerships grant.

DNR building forest partnership grant- No update on this yet. The funding will not become available until July 25<sup>th</sup>. The contracts will be set up a little differently this year.

We now have a quorum

Position Statement Discussion -Timber Sales- We have been working on this for 6+ months. We have outlined timber sales happening in the Cowlitz valley and our position on those. The majority of the doc is an overview of Good Neighbor Authority sales and Traditional Sales. A discussion was had regarding definitions in the document. Precommercial thinning (PCT) the removal of trees not for immediate financial return but to reduce stocking to concentrate growth on the more desirable trees. Fred asks if you want to refer to committee. Janene has incorporated this change.



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**MOTION: A motion was made to adopt this change term and definition 1<sup>st</sup>: Sharon Hannah 2<sup>nd</sup>: Pete Krabbe –  
MOTION CARRIED**

This is a living document Per Janene, this puts in writing what we think and know at this time. The discussions help us get a grasp of where we really stand.

Summer Field Tours- We had previously discussed a tour for the month of June and is a busy month for all of us. Elizabeth and Nikia agree on a field tour in July. Elizabeth has come up with a variety of ideas. What kinds of things are we interested in? Fred Norman wants to ensure we do not drive for 3 hours and have 30 minutes to view the site. Fred would like to make sure we interact and have time to view things.

Sharon Hannah's primary interest is the Instream Wood Project. 2504 Is close Judd Peak – Kyle Peters, thinning contractor just wrapped up thinning. Elizabeth has someone that may be able to join us. We are looking to do this at the July meeting

A discussion was had regarding who is vaccinated and who isn't.

Retained Receipts: A prioritization survey was shared.

- Road Work & Trails
- Invasive Species Control & Wildlife & Aquatic Habitat Restoration
- Vegetation Restoration
- Recreation

Elizabeth will be taking over the funding for discovery team so she will now be in the loop. Janene states this is not the end of this discussion. Confirm this new prioritized list to Forest Service by July More Specific info to FS by Sept. (Road Numbers, Trail Numbers etc.) Contracts don't specify projects/locations. John Day has a different take on the flexibility. The collab on the Olympic is struggling through this process. This might be a good model to show them Per Matt Comisky. Janene needs confirmation that the top 5 listed are the top 5 that we want to share with the FS.

**MOTION: A motion was made to accept 6<sup>th</sup> position profile they were given 1<sup>st</sup>: Pete Krabbe 2<sup>nd</sup>: Matt Comisky –  
Motion Carried.**

John Day stated the direction from the regional office is changing. Retained receipts can now be approved at forest level not regional level. This will make it easier to get projects funded. Per Tracy Calizon

Forest Service Update – All Seasonal staff are on board. The first meeting took place last week. This was all outdoors. The administration policy is no mask if you are vaccinated. They go on the honor system. This is great to have people together again. The agency received an exemption for the visitor center. For them it will impact MSH. There are currently some technological difficulties with systems up there. The Forest is hoping to open in 3 weeks once the fiber optics are repaired. We want to open at greater than 25% compacity.

Mount Rainier National Park- New Superintended Greg Dudgeon-New LEO is here and moved in Miles Stipek.

We received word Rd. 23 is cleared of snow and a 4x4 is not required. This opened late last week. Additional work is happening on 99 and 26. The tires were cleaned up by one of the engineers.



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Hospitality training is happening in Morton today. This is geared to business partners. This is also open to all members of community and is put on by Lewis County Tourism Group.

Porta Potties out on skate creek-they would like them delivered before June 28<sup>th</sup>.

Lidar Training- This has been used to identify stream channels. This will save a lot of time for specialist. This is exciting training.

The Skinner timber sale is out a month.

DNR/Amy Ramsey gave an update on the second Forester Position The position was advertised a couple months back. They reworked the position description and got a much stronger pool. 9 Interviews are being scheduled (end of this month)

Hospitality Training Info/ Presented by the White Pass Scenic Byway

June 16: 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. at the Cowlitz River Valley Historical Museum in Morton

June 17: 10-Noon or 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. at the Packwood Community Building

Taylor really looks forward to seeing folks next month.

This will be the last monthly meeting that Janene will be attending for the next few months.

This meeting is adjourned at 10:43 AM

Minutes prepared by, Fred Norman & Tiffini Johnson