



# Pinchot Partners

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Pinchot Partners Monthly Meeting

12.15.2021

9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Location: Via Zoom

In attendance: Janene Ritchie, Charles Edmonson (Lewis Co.), Tiffini Johnson, Fred Norman, David Owen, Pete Krabbe, Nikia Hernandez (FS), Dave Olson (FS), Elizabeth Robinson (FS), Matt Mawhirter, Sharon Hannah, Anjolene Ngari, Jon Day (FS), Lucy Brookham, Andrew Spaeth (DNR), Kate Day (FS), John O'Brien, Eric Veach (FS) Sean Tran (DNR), Aldo Aguilar (FS), Gar Abbas (FS), Estan Vargas (DNR), Gina Owen, & Alexa Pengelly (FS)

**MOTION: A motion was made to approve todays agenda 1st: David Owen 2nd Lucy Brookham-MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION: A motion was made to approve the November meeting minutes 1st: Sharon Hannah 2nd: David Owen-MOTION CARRIED**

**Treasurers Report/David Owen:** There is current balance of \$28,697.23 in the checking account. Fred Norman Matt Comisky, David Owen and Taylor Aalvik were originally check signors. We will look at removing Taylor from that list and it makes sense to add Janene. Janene will be at Cowlitz valley on Monday they are meeting with the Mountain View CPA. Recommendations by the CPA are expected by the first of year.

**MOTION: A motion was made to make changes to the authorized signors this includes removing Taylor Aalvik and adding Janene Ritchie to the list of authorized signors 1st: David Owen 2nd: Pete Krabbe MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION: A motion was made to accept the Treasurers report presented at todays meeting 1st: Fred Norman 2nd: Sharon Hannah-MOTION CARRIED**

### **Programming Meeting:**

Celebrating Dave Olson-Dave Olson is retiring. Dave Olson spoke about his career. He also mentions even though the partners had different ideas you worked together, this is a powerful example. You care about your community. David Owen recalls the communities' conversations about Dave Olson. He is thanked for his service, commitment, and work. Fred Norman thanks him for showing up and being so knowledgeable and keeping us on track.

DNR Priority Landscape Update/Andrew Spaeth: Andrew shared some information on the Forest Action Plan. This is a Required document to develop a strategic plan to guide the direction of federal investments Cooperative Forestry Programs- This program supports small forest landowners. The plan is a requirement if we wish to continue to receive these funds. We will continue updating and revisiting strategic plans.

Retained Receipts: Janene sent a message out to the members a few weeks ago requesting feedback on road maintenance. Janene requested that Nikia provide us with an update of where we are at right now. Precommercial thinning is on the top, Road Work Road Restoration (Transportation Sediment) next, Trail work, Aquatic Restoration (This includes some road decommissioning). Nikia requested information on priority roads from the Pinchot Partners. Nikia also mentioned we do not need to feel obligated but if you do



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have areas that should be prioritized. Janene has a preliminary list of potential roads. If John Day could receive that list by next year to get it in the queue.

Pinchot Partners Annual Meeting: -Last year we held the annual meeting via zoom. Do we want to move these to in person meetings? Some have concerns with the new variant. We will move forward with a hybrid type format. We will hold two meetings 2/16 & 2/23 with an option to join via zoom. Invites will go out shortly.

Executive Director Updates: We are coming up on the end of the year. Janene will be sending out invoices for Building Forest Partnerships (DNR 6400.00 Approx.) Will be closing out our two Forest Service agreements on 12/31. We have been working through our financial review with Mountain View CPA's. This has been helpful for all. We will be upgrading our financial tracking equipment.

Janene will be heading out to Woods Creek trail for a potential NFF grant. This is one of the most loved trails in the area. Nikia mentions there is a lot of interest in restoration work.

Forest Service Updates: The Forest Service is in the process of getting certificate of applicants for the reposition for candidate selection. A new Archaeologist will be coming on board replacing Kevin Flores. The Forest Service is also looking to fill the squad leader on fire crew We received the approval to move forward. Miles Stipek, LEO-Has completed the training course. Miles will be in office by spring.

The RAC was reauthorized into 2023 should be reaching out soon to committee members. There is a Packwood area sub-plan that is going on. This is looking at a 20-year plan. The Forest Service is still soliciting for community advisement members. Sharon Hannah is interested in participating in this. Shout out to Sargent Allen Stall who worked very hard to convince a tow company to come and pick these abandoned Rv's up. McKenzie towing picked up abandoned vehicles in October and November this was done at no expense.

Yellow Jacket Progress Report /Elizabeth Robinson. We had an IDT meeting yesterday. The scoping was done in August. Some projects were scoped and 100% we plan to do and move forward with are going to be covered under another NEPA This gives us adequate time, parts of project that will not be analyzed in the EA. Culvert replacements in there quite a few. They will not be doing the downed wood project (This should be able to be done under the other decision). The prescribed burn is not going to be addressed. We are not including the instream habitat work as this will be planned for a few years out. This will also be stated in the EA. We have new tools in our pocket. We will work on this and continue to improve.

We are still looking at doing a significant amount of road work for timber access, road work for retained receipts, road work reducing impacts of surrounding areas, road work to reduce sedimentation, culvert replacements. We are still looking at doing snag creation also, standing snags as habitat for cavity excavators. This will be done after timber sales. The Forest Service will be moving forward with bee tree pond project. We have 5 thousand acres of commercial harvest right now. We currently have proposed treatments of huckleberry management – More details on this to come. The next IDT team meeting is scheduled for Tuesday January 11<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting is adjourned at 11:39 AM

Minutes prepared by Fred Norman/Tiffini Johnson