



# Pinchot Partners

WORKING ON COMMON GROUND

**APRIL 19, 2023 | 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

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

## **In attendance**

*Board Members:* Pete Krabbe, David Owen, Ashley Short, Bill Little, John Squires, John O'Brien\*, Matt Comisky, Anjolene Ngari Price\*, Fred Norman, Sharon Hanna\*, Bob Guenther. *Staff:* Janene Ritchie, Constance Mears.

*USFS:* Josh Chapman,

*Guests and Visitors:* Bob Russell, Aryn Garswood, and Jordan Solomon, BDO presentation; Andrew Spaeth\*, DNR; John Perry\*, DNR Federal Lands Program; Peter Sandifer, aide to Congresswoman Marie Gluesenkamp Perez; Anna Baklund\*, Lewis Trails; Christina Donehower\*, CIT Natural Resources Department; Dalton Fry, CIT Natural Resources Department; Brooke Squires, Packwood resident; Gina Owen, Randle resident\*, Kevin Carlson, DNR; Sheryl Hall\*, GP Trash Force.

## **Introductions**

## **BUSINESS MEETING**

**Today's agenda.** MOTION to approve: Bob Guenther. 2nd: Ashley Short. **CARRIED.**

**March meeting minutes.** MOTION to approve: John Squires. 2nd: Fred Norman. **CARRIED.**

**Treasurer's report.** David Owen: Current balance of **\$7,246.86**. MasterCard is at zero balance.

Janene: Money expected from Forest Service agreement for \$9,000. Title II funds, approved by the Resource Advisory Council for \$50k are also expected in June 2023. MOTION to approve: John Squires. 2nd: Fred Norman. **CARRIED.**

## **Action items / Key Tasks**

**Janene** will add a station planning segment to the May Operations meeting.

✓ Due: May 10, 2023. Status: Completed.

**Janene** will research and confirm food truck service for the June 21 event.

● Due: ASAP. Status: In progress

**Janene** will work with Josh Petit and Peter Sandifer to schedule a combined north and south collaborative meeting in August or September when Marie Gluesenkamp-Perez is in town.

● Due: ASAP. Status: In progress, considering August 16th or 17th

**Josh Chapman** will find out more about the intended duration of the NW Forest Plan Federal Advisory Committee.

✓ Due: May 10, 2023. Status: Completed. Sent via email.

## **PROGRAMMING MEETING**

### **Bio-economic Development Zones: Bob Russell, Aryn Garswood, and Jordan Solomon**

Bob Russell led a presentation about plans to create a clean biomass fuel production facility in Morton, based on extensive research done by the University of Washington.

Jordan Soloman explained the importance of using Bio-economic Development Zone (BDO) ratings to help draw investors to geographic areas that could support a plant within a 75-mile radius.

Aryn Garswood outlined the BDO rating process which uses a standardized framework of more than 100 risk indicators including:

- Feedstock surplus, or in this case, forest fibers surplus
- Committed suppliers
- Sound infrastructure

Link to [slideshow](#).

University of Washington has estimated there is potentially 5 million tons of biomass within 75 miles of Morton. Lewis County Economic Alliance has written the grant proposal to initiate the rating process. They will report back to Pinchot Partners once the rating has been established. It would be the first of its kind in Washington state.

Link to the BDO website. [BDOZone.org](http://BDOZone.org)

### **Forest Service Update: Josh Chapman, US Forest Service**

#### **Forest Plan Advisory Committee.**

The Forest Service is evaluating 85 nominations from which 20 Committee members will be selected. Composition will be up to 9 Tribal, local and state NGOs representing researchers, recreation, and timber industry representatives. Up to 7 members will be from conservation groups and forest collaboratives. Four slots are designated for government representatives. They are working on creating a website.

#### **Landscape evaluation.**

The Forest Service is working with the WA Department of Natural Resources to do landscape evaluation of the Skate Creek area. The current images and evaluations will be compared with images from 1955 and 1979. The goal is to identify metrics to help the Forest Service better manage the forest for watershed health.

#### **Operations Update: Janene Ritchie**

Plans have been solidified to celebrate Pinchot Partners 20th anniversary. The event will be from 6-8 pm, Wednesday, June 21, at Longmire Springs Brewing (new establishment) in Packwood. Janene will research the availability of food trucks for the event. The planning session for individual stations was postponed to the May Operations meeting after the Board meeting. Constance is working on a short documentary to show during the event.

**Legislative Update: Peter Sandifer, aide to Marie Gluesenkamp-Perez**

Peter outlined the Councilwoman's recent constituent work in Lewis County:

- The Councilwoman met with Hampton Lumber, American Forest Resource Council, and its member companies at AFRC's Annual Meeting.
- She has also met with the community of Packwood regarding targeting funds from the appropriations bill to help fund the sewer installation.
- In meeting with the Forest Service, she discussed the hiring challenges and plans ongoing conversations about that issue.
- She has met with the Mayors of Mossyrock and Morton.

Peter suggested planning a combined meeting with South Gifford Pinchot collaborative in August or September when Marie will be in town.

**Other business:**

Ashley Short announced that she has approval from Cascade Forest Conservancy's executive director Molly Whitney to take on the Treasurer position.

The meeting adjourned at 11:43  
Minutes prepared by Sharon Hanna  
Notes taken by Constance Mears