



Pinchot Partners

WORKING ON COMMON GROUND

Pinchot Partners Monthly Meeting:
March 16th, 2022
9:00 AM-11:30 AM

In attendance: Sheryl Hall, Tiffini Johnson, Dave Bunting, Elizabeth Robinson, Nikia Hernandez, Ashley Short, Bill Serrahn, John'Brien, Janene Ritchie, Fred Norman, John Squires, Brian Bailey-DNR, Christina Donehower, Eli Asher, Sam Grimm, Anjolene Ngari, Molly Whitney, Andrew Spaeth, Miku Lenentine, CERENE, Matt Comisky, Sarah Kahout, Legislative Assitant (Cantwell) & Anna Baklund, Tread Lightly

Welcome & Introductions:

MOTION: A motion was made to approve todays agenda 1st: John O'Brien 2nd: Fred Norman - MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the 1/16/2022 meeting notes 1st: John O'Brien 2nd: Anjolene Ngari - MOTION CARRIED

Treasurers Report/Janene Ritchie

The current KeyBank balance is \$44,660.77. By end of month, we will be submitting an invoice in the amount of \$4,300.00. No other updates on this topic as of right now.

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the Treasures Report 1st: John O'Brien 2nd: Eli Asher - MOTION CARRIED

2022 Elections:

MOTION: A motion was made to create a second at-large position for 2022 1st: Fred Norman 2nd: John O'Brien – MOTION CARRIED (This will be revisited at the 2023 annual meeting)

Programming Meeting:

Skate Creek Discussion –This is concerning ownership from State parks to Lewis County Parks. Bill Serrahn requests a letter of support for protective deed restrictions on any land transfer and no internal roads or campgrounds on that site. John Squires advises the board of his interest in remaining neutral on this matter. Matt Comisky would like to clarify where the Pinchot Partners stance on these fits in the mission of the Pinchot Partners (The Pinchot Partners operational manual has recreational opportunities included). This topic should be revisited at another time.

GNA Update- Brian Bailey states that GNA is in a big growth phase. To date up to 30 staff members are dedicated to GNA. The Federal Lands program works primarily on implementation of GNA. They bring to the forest a lot of technical expertise. The engineering group has also expanded quite a bit. This is unique in Washington state as many states do not have dedicated engineers. The timber sales have long contracts (4 years), and this money is not yet in the bank. Matt Comisky would like to note that DNR is doing a great job. The GP and Colville NF are probably the most effective in GNA. John Squires would like clarity on how DNR is going to include the Pinchot Partners and the general public in on how this pot of money is going to be spent. Brian Bailey states, GNA is often soliciting ideas from the Pinchot Partners.

Sub committees- Janene is seeking volunteers to partake in several sub committees. Position Statement Committee: Fred Norman would like to serve on this. Pete Krabbe, David Owen, Sharon Hannah, Anjolene Ngari & CFC Rep. Bill Little and John Squires are invited to participate.

Zones of Agreement -The Pinchot Partners need to work on two topics over the course of a year.

Recreation Subcommittee- This is a great idea and should be revisited at another date.

20th Anniversary Retreat – We need some volunteers to assist on this subcommittee in planning this retreat. We hope to plan for the 20th anniversary retreat in late this spring or early summer. We have funding through a DNR grant that will start this June and end June 2023. Janene would like to revisit what has happened over the last 20 years and look towards the future. She would like to get a handle on our mission and refine some of the processes. Volunteers for this subcommittee are Pete Krabbe, John Squires and Anjolene Ngari.

MOTION: A motion was made to create a Communications Assistant position 1st: Anjolene Ngari 2nd: Molly Whitney – MOTION CARRIED

Communications Committee- This would be a short-term committee, review job descriptions and assist in the interview process. Janene sees this position being part time 10-15 hours a week. This roll would assist with Facebook, Instagram, and blogs for website. They would serve as the main contact with local newspaper journalists. Write press releases, facilitate monthly meetings, and assist with technology etc. This committee would be needed for the next 2-3 months. Volunteers for this subcommittee are Pete Krabbe, CFC Rep. Nikia states that Gayla or Alexa may be able to assist with candidate selection

Forest Service Update/Nikia Hernandez- Congress finally passed the budget. The Forest Service is working hard on contract packages (contract package prep is going on with the pre-sale folks).

Silver Thinning- Between FS & GNA the road package has been signed.

A selection has been made for the rec staff position. Two job offers are out for the presale forestry position with the Ranger District on the Cowlitz Valley. Dana Koch (sp?) is detailed as the active deputy Forest Supervisor. Miles Stipek, Cowlitz Valley Ranger LEO is on his last few weeks of training. There is a push to increase the number of LEO on the forest.

Executive Director Update-Janene and Elizabeth Robinson are working on a new participating agreement, this is 75k of funding for the next couple of years. Andrew Spaeth, DNR invited Janene to participate in the DNR Forest Health Advisory Committee meeting. Janene will plan on attending the initial meeting. The legislature established an ad hoc committee in 2017. The purpose is to oversee and provide direction to the state to implement the 20-year strategic plan. The committee is made up of a diverse group of partners.

Round table:

Sheryl Hall thanks Nikia and his team as they to continue to go the extra mile on trash.

April 28th (Thursday) at 6:00 pm the Packwood improvement club is sponsoring the forest fire preparedness. Sheryl will be working with Barbara Wright at the fire hall. DNR will also be joining.

John O'Brien thanks CFC for all the work done in the Green River valley. CFC won their case on the potential drilling rights for gold/ copper mine in the Green River valley. The next step is the mineral withdrawal. CFC is working on monthly meetings with local communities on the mineral withdrawal.

Matt Comisky would like to know is the Environmental Justice Committee is within the scope of the Pinchot Partners.

Sheryl Hall confirmed with Lee Gross that the Skate Creek Park transfer is going to take place.

The meeting concluded at 11: 25 PM

Notes prepared by,

Fred Norman/Tiffini Johnson