



Pinchot Partners

WORKING ON COMMON GROUND

Pinchot Partners Monthly Meeting

9.15.2021

9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Location: Via Zoom

In Attendance: Janene Ritchie, Fred Norman, Elizabeth Robinson, John O'Brien, Pete Krabbe, Sharon Hanna, Nikia Hernandez, Eli Asher, Tiffini Johnson, Bill Little, David Owen, Andrew Spaeth, Sean Roome, Sheryl Hall, Matt Comisky, Gina Owen

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 AM with introductions:

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

MOTION: A motion was made to amend the 8/18/2021 treasures report to replace audit with review and recommendations 1st: John O'Brien 2nd: David Owen-MOTION CARRIED

Treasurers Report: The current balance in the checking account 42,604.67. Our taxes are due on October 15th. Michael will begin his review; we will then be going the Quicken system. There will be a monthly fee for this software, and this will be handled through Michaels firm.

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the treasurers report 1st: Sharon Hannah 2nd: Bill Little – MOTION CARRIED

Programming Meeting:

- Field Tour: Nikia (FS) apologizes for cancelling the tour, he is open to scheduling for an October tour. The next meeting should be out in the field looking at Yellow Jacket. Masks will be required.
- Grant Update: We received \$50,000 from DNR. We have a few more agreements with the Forest Service. We will not need to invoice these in September, we will wait and do these all in one go to close out in December. Janene is looking into the National Forest Foundation. The deadline for this is early January and she has time to put a solid application together. Janene is not sure yet how much she will request but will report back once she has that dialed in. If any others locate see any other grant opportunities, please send them her way. The Packwood trail project is kicking up some steam locally they are hoping this will be on national private forest land. Janene will reach out to the folks she knows over there.
- Coordinator Updates: Trash force is partnering with Lewis County and applying for grants. They have a budget they have accumulated because of donors. On 9/25 Public Lands Day Litter Cleanup and Tire Recycling event - FREE Tire Recycling and Come help pick up trash - County, Town and Forest Rds. Thanks! forgot to mention.
- Janene Just returned from Maternity Leave. Janene's contract is technically up as of Sept 13th, 2021. We need to get a meeting together just with the Board of Directors and discuss her contract. Janene said she would like to get this in place, and this is important.

- Position Statement Committee: Our next meeting is scheduled to take place on 9/21 at 1:00 PM. We are working on the Monitoring Section. Janene hopes to have a draft to present at the November meeting.
- Trash Force Update: Sheryl Hall has been working with Andrea and Gayla quite a bit to address the litter on forest roads and dispersed camp sites. A free tire drive will be hosted by Ecology on 9/25 from 10:00—3:00PM! DOE has requested that we just stack the tires and make sure they are ready to go.
- **Forest Service Updates/Nikia Hernandez:** Nikia thanks Sheryl Hall for her hard work and dedication. Sheryl Hall's work has motivated many of us. Thank you for your work Sheryl Hall.
- The Forest Service has been closing some of the campgrounds. The roads crew will finish up some road work on Skate Creek. The Forest Service budgeted 100k. We gave them 100k, it is still in need of much more repair. The county got a lot of kudos. They are trying to acquire a grader. If this happens Nikia will let us know. The seasonal employees will generally end their time with us in mid-October, some have returned to school.
- Vince came in with the final timber sale. This was roughly 7MBF. This will be awarded by next week and is the last of fiscal sale of 2021. If all comes in as projected, we would be slightly above at 53.5 MBF.
- House Bill 1168: - This is proposed to increase long-term forest health. There are some committees being formed at the regional office. Increase taste and scale of forest health and wildfire prevention. Some of our initial discussions are on the federal lands side. The Gifford Pinchot is in a very good spot because of our partnerships.
- NEPA Updates/ Elizabeth Robinson: They recently finished the scoping period comment for Yellow Jacket. YJ received 11 comments. They did have an IDT meeting and forgot to invite anyone to it. 10/12 is the next YJ IDT meeting. The next meeting, we will start working on the planning ahead on the skate creek analysis area
- Retained receipts: John Day sent the message out a week ago. They have a team meeting next week but does not believe anything has changed.
- Pickers-Pete has been at the Huck Camps and counting 100k a day coming into the Randall economy. Little to no violations seen.
- 2020 Safe Forest Action Plan Report Process- Reviewing Priority landscapes they had identified. Potentially adding a new landscape or two. We can bring a map and talk about those priority areas on our field trip. Look at upper Cispus river watershed per Elizabeth. Including analysis area.

MOTION: A motion was made to conclude today's meeting 1st: Fred Norman 2nd: David Owen-MOTION CARRIED

Minutes prepared by,

Fred Norman/Tiffini Johnson