



Pinchot Partners

WORKING ON COMMON GROUND

Pinchot Partners Monthly Meeting

4.21.2021

9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Location: Via Zoom

In attendance: Janene Ritchie, Fred Norman, Pete Krabbe, Andrew Spaeth-DNR, Amy Boyd, Anjolene Price, Sharon Hanna, Tiffini Johnson, John O'Brien, Sean Roome - CFC, Taylor Aalvik, Lucy Brookham, Joe Ben Walker & Nikia Hernandez-FS

Taylor Aalvik called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM

MOTION: A motion was made to amend today's meeting agenda to include a closed session 1st: Fred Norman 2nd: Pete Krabbe -MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the March meeting minutes 1st: Lucy Brookham 2nd: John O'Brien - MOTION CARRIED

Treasurers Report/David Owen: David Owen has an excused absence today

Programming Meeting:

- FY22 Retained Receipts Discussion/Janene- We haven't gotten any retained receipts to spend in the last year or two. In October there will be some retained receipts for the Pinchot Partners to suggest usage. John Day (FS) had provided an option to streamline this process. For this Retained Receipts cycle and develop several forest wide stewardship proposals. Different activities across the forest are project or activity types that are important to us. This recommendation gives more flexibility for the funds to be used all over the forest. the idea is to be nimbler with the use of funds. Janene also informs the group that it is also a good opportunity to work with the south GP. Josh (South GP Collaborative) and Janene are working on developing a survey. This survey will also have an option to add something. The feedback from these surveys will be provided to the GP. Nikia mentioned again why he is so excited to have the new program managers. They are thinking outside the box and have some different ideas. John Day has recommended forest wide stewardship areas. Krause Ridge would have a stewardship area. These would be by certain types of projects example: Invasive and Roads. Under the new proposal this would be wide open to the entire forest. We could be more responsive to new things that come up. Nikia's goal is to share evenly across the north and south zones. The initial prioritized list will be reviewed in June. It would be a list of what is important to the PP. Invasive Species Management would be a good forest wide project. What are other areas of priorities. Nakia would like to have roughly equal distribution
- Forest Service Update/Nikia Hernandez -The Yellow Jacket stand by stand was initially planned for 3 weeks. Nikia commends Janene and Pete for their involvement in this process. Pete shared information that some of the staff would not have known and is very valuable information. These meetings were all done virtually. This week's program work is in full swing with realistic goals.
 - The engineers have onboarded seasonal employees. By next pay period we will be adding 10 more to the crew.

- The Back Country Horseman are eager to get out and get things done. Washington Trails have covid plans in place and are figuring out how to get this done with volunteer agreements. CFC did some planting last week. Cheyenne Adamonis was able to assist as well.
- Skinner is the next sale; Bids came in above expected. The FS expected volume is 6.5 MBF.
- There was a recent training on the 638 agreements. Allot of interest was generated from this training. They will be meeting with the Cowlitz next week to discuss further. Nikia states that this is funding that has federal cooperative funding with Tribes. It is a provision within legislation that allows tribes to direct contract with other federal agencies. It is a means to not have to do the whole bidding process and the justification is working with two government agencies. This is like the GNA, it was also extended to tribal governments as well as county governments.

Grants and Reporting/Janene - Janene met with Amy and Andrew last week to talk about an amendment for building forest grant. There are a few discrepancies and deliverables that we will not be able to obtain. Amy is working on an amendment for that grant. This is shifting funds around. In the new amendment we have switched from all lands restoration, that money will allow us to apply for the matching awards program. Funding year 2021-2023 is very close to being ready for submission. It provides funding to do some comprehensive and strategic planning. We can discuss what has worked for us in the past and what hasn't and where we would like to go in the future and draft a protocol to assist the forest service in progress. The DNR Forest Partnerships grant is 50k in funding.

- We have not been able to invoice for 2 Forest Service agreements. Our System for Award Management registration lapsed last year, and Janene has been unable to renew this. The issue is that when former coordinator created another account rather than the other being renewed. Janene does not have access to any of these. A year and a half worth of work will be invoiced. Janene requests that we use some funds from the forest partnership money to pay for this support to resolve this issue. This would be a onetime thing to get us back on track.

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the one-time fee of 400.00 to resolve this matter. 1st: John O'Brien 2nd Lucy Brookham– MOTION CARRIED

- Coordinator Updates/Janene- Concerning in person meetings: Where are we at with this and how comfortable are we moving forward? If we have a nice day, then we can meet on a field trip. Janene will work towards getting some outdoor fieldtrips in place. Bob Guenther mentioned a retreat next summer which would be ideal. This could be a 20th anniversary retreat in the summer of 2022, and funding was included in the DNR application for 21-23 funds.

The Pinchot Partners meeting was adjourned at 10:07 AM

Minutes prepared by,

Fred Norman/Tiffini Johnson