



Pinchot Partners

F O R E S T C O L L A B O R A T I V E

September Meeting Notes
Wednesday, September 18, 2024 9am-11:30am
St. Mary's, Toledo, WA & Zoom

In attendance. * indicates participant attended meeting through Zoom

PP Staff: Janene Ritchie, Sarah Yeoman; *PP Board:* John O'Brien, Ashley Short, Anjolene Ngari, Matt Comisky, Fred Norman, Bob Guenther, David Owen, Bill Little, Andrew Spaeth; *PP Advisory Group:* Christina Donehower*, Sheryl Hall*, Dalton Fry. *Guests:* Deidre Hayward*, Lanee Langdon*; *US Forest Service:* Quentin Hall

Today's Agenda. MOTION to approve agenda with amendment: David Owen; second Ashley Short. CARRIED.

April Meeting Minutes. MOTION to approve: Anjolene Ngari; second Bill Little. CARRIED.

Treasurer's Report, Ashley Short. Checking account balance is \$24,947.26. Credit card balance is \$0. MOTION to approve: Fred Norman; second: Matt Comisky. CARRIED.

Action Items. Janene will make revisions of bylaws with subcommittee for a new draft for points of discussion.

Programming Meeting

Bylaws Updates, Bylaws Subcommittee (John O'Brien, Fred Norman, Ashley Short, Janene Ritchie)
Bylaws and operations manual have not been updated since February 2020. Subcommittee has met a few times and what they have now is updates to bylaws only. There's a lot of overlap of bylaws and operations manual, so as bylaws are updated, updates to the manual will be applied as needed.

Point of discussion: Adding a section on the executive director, streamlined to provide an overview of how the executive director operates. More detail will be added in the manual of operations.

Point of discussion: The bylaws previously said one at-large position. Updated them up to allow for up to two at-large positions.

Point of discussion: Formalizing the process for joining the advisory committee and becoming a member of the board of directors. The advisory committee has been in the bylaws for awhile but there is not very much detail about what it actually is. It is not clear on how someone can join the advisory committee. Group agrees that the process should be formalized, possibly as a stepping stone before being allowed to join the board of directors, and suggests potentially

having advisory committee members sign an agreement to commit to participation, but which does not guarantee a spot on the board.

Point of discussion: The current process of becoming a member of the board of directors does not allow room for when partner organizations experience turnover, which can result in the organization not having a voting voice on the board. Group expressed concern over needing to hold seats on the board for certain organizations. Group likes the idea of assigning more weight to the individual on the board rather than the organization, as Pinchot Partners is meant to be a collaborative of individuals who may or may not represent organizations. Group agrees to use proxy individuals for when turnover situations occur and raise the board membership requirements to include more meeting attendance.

Forest Service Updates, Quentin Hall

- Williams mine Fire sitting at 12,000 acres. Mandatory evacuations are in place but fire has moved away from town, starting to settle down. Short staffed due to fire support
- Upcoming timber sales in Yellow Jacket. Laser timber sale final marking guides have been submitted.
- Fire restrictions: Under personal use restriction stage 2 on the entire forest. No charcoal or wood fires.
- Gray towers good neighbor authority timber sale approved. Going out for auction on the 29th.
- Next EA looking at moving forward is in Skate Creek watershed. Directed to focus on human health and safety around Packwood, with the challenge that most of the high-risk fire areas are on private property.

Operations Updates, Janene Ritchie

- Waiting to hear back on three grant applications: \$20,000 from the Network for Landscape Conservation for general collaborative facilitation and jobs outreach; \$40,000 from National Forest Foundation for hiring facilitators for strategic planning; Janene will be updating application with Cowlitz Indian Tribe Statewide Foundation.
- Working with Mountain View CPA on our 23-24 taxes, due November 15th
- Looking toward end of year reporting requirements for Washington Secretary of State once taxes are done.

Roundtable Updates

- Bob Guenther: Three tree rounds are left to place in different areas. The round in the courthouse is getting some publicity.
- Inquired if the group would be interested in supporting the 911 committee to enhance emergency services in Lewis County.
- Sheryl Hall: Trash Force doing another clean up of Skate Creek Park train system. Lots of key folks think the Forest Service should be cleaning up trash.
- John O'Brien: Visited Cowlitz Tribe restoration area - invited group to tour the site anytime.

Meeting adjourned at 11:12am. Minutes prepared by Sarah Yeoman