



**Pend Oreille County Voluntary Stewardship Program  
Work Group Meeting Minutes: 9-30-2020**

Meeting Start – 2:05 PM

**In attendance via “GoToMeeting,”:** **Greg Snow**, Pend Oreille County Community Development; **Mike Lithgow**, Kalispel Tribe; **Michele Masuen**, Blue Slate Ranch; **Sharon Sorby**, Pend Oreille County Weed Board; **Andy Huddleston**, Pend Oreille County Community Development; **Lisa Alkire**, Pend Oreille County Weed Board and Pend Oreille Conservation District; **Alex Case-Cohen**, Pend Oreille Conservation District

Official Action Items						
Motion	Motion made by:	Motioned seconded by:	Decision	Who	What	By what date:
Motion to approve the June 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2020 meeting minutes and to have minutes sent to Work Group Members prior to next meeting.	Mike Lithgow	Sharon Sorby	Carried	NA	NA	NA
Motion to approve cost share funding for Calispel Duck Club Reed Canary Grass management	Michele Masuen	Sharon Sorby	Carried	NA	NA	NA
Motion to approve cost share funding for Cusick food plot and Cover Crop	Sharon Sorby	Mike Lithgow and Michelle Masuen	Denied removal of Ceanothus sp. for food plot but approved cover crop	NA	NA	NA
Motion to approve nutrient management and forage and biomass planting for 3-acre section of 15-acre pasture near Little Spokane River	Mike Lithgow	Michele Masuen	Carried	NA	NA	NA
Motion to approve spring development and solar pump to improve rotational grazing capacity	Sharon Sorby	Mike Lithgow	Carried	NA	NA	NA

**Public Comments:** No comment received.

## New Business:

- 1.) **Outreach Deliverable Updates:** While Lisa was unable to speak at the meeting due to illness, Alex gave a brief overview of the summer's outreach events, which included:
  - 1 Boosted Facebook post for the new VSP Farm Tour Video
  - 1 mail-out will be sent to all 288 potential VSP landowners as outreach. It is a letter signed by POCD's Board Chair and VSP participant, George Stuvenga. Sharon asked that the letter be sent to all attendees
- 2.) **Technical Assistance Deliverable Tracking Tools**
  - 5 active projects
  - 15 open projects
  - 2 Individual Stewardship Plans completed
  - 20 projects needed each fiscal year
- 3.) **Previously Approved Project Update**
  - **Project 1:** Oat and pea cover crop planted to renovate hay-ground came up well. Imperial clover was planted for wildlife food plot came up
  - **Project 2:** A fence is planned along a slough that feeds in to Calispell Creek. Greg said there are no setback requirements for the county; Mike offered to ask Department of Ecology.
  - **Project 3:** Kalispel Tribe wants to start work on the culvert project once permits are approved.
  - **Project 4:** Spring Development project outside of Lone, WA was designed by Eastern area engineer Gary Ausman. Landowners have broken ground and have begun investigating current status of existing spring
  - **Project 5:** A solar pump was installed over the summer to provide water for 3 pastures. The project has stalled due to the well having gone dry. The owner will be contacting a well driller to rectify the problem.
- 4.) **Administration:** Alex presented the Protection and Enhancement Benchmarks and Objectives table (Table 5-7) from the Pend Oreille County VSP Work Plan. She stated that we have exceeded even our enhancement goals/benchmarks for 2026. At a future meeting, the group will discuss adding 3 new Best Management Practices: Brush Management (315), Cover Crops (340), and Forage and Biomass Planting (512).
- 5.) **Budget:** The Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-2021 Budget was discussed. The updated budget will be presented and sent to the group by the next meeting. In addition, Alex asked the Work Group to come up with ideas of how to spend the VSP money.

## Next Board Meeting

Next meeting will be send out in Doodle Poll.

**Meeting Adjourned: 3:16 PM**