

Pend Oreille VSP Work Group Meeting
02/22/2020 Meeting Summary

Attendees:

Jason Kunz – Department of Fish & Wildlife
Lisa Alkire – Weed Board
Gary Ciegel – Landowner
Dawn Ciegel- Landowner
Alex Case Cohen – Pend Oreille CD & Stevens County CD
Paula Knapp- Landowner
Rick Knapp – Landowner
Mike Lithgow – Kalispel Department of Natural Resources
Michelle Mausen – Landowner

TIME: 10:00AM- 11:50

Reviewed Notes & Agenda from Prior Group Meeting

- Lisa reviewed our prior meeting notes briefly

VSP Tracking Tool

- Alex reviewed the technical assistance deliverables. We have 10 open project slots and 10 current active projects.

Project List Evaluation

- Blue Slate Ranch grant, unfortunately we did not get the grant due to 2/3 funding going to the west side.
- Knapp Lavender farm. We moved toward weed cloth instead of cover crop. We would contribute 75% of the total cost. Michelle motioned funds, Mike seconded. Group present agreed to funding project.
- Discussed funding towards projects should be given by landowner priority and to projects that will provide ongoing efforts.
- Cusick Meadows project- enhancing wetlands, keeping water on their property. VSP would provide a raised berm to prevent water from overflow.
- Cygiel Project- Develop property to have better pasture quality. Everything approved but spring development out of this years funds – Mike Lithgow – Second by Michelle Mausen

Outreach

- Lisa showed group the future outreach tools on the website.
- If any landowners would like to participate in the farmers market this season, please let us know. We'd love to have some volunteers for our VSP booth and efforts.

Work Group Policies

- David will be looking into adding new members to the workgroup or finding a way to approve funding to projects via email. Are meetings frequent enough? Can we make motions not a meeting?
- Alex will include

Next Steps

April 8th or 15th is the prospective next meeting. Alex will add Cygiels and Knapps to workgroup emails.

Will look into the funding process via VSP Workgroup.