



**Pend Oreille Voluntary Stewardship Program  
Work Group Meeting Minutes: 4-1-2021**

**Meeting Start – 10:05 AM –**

**In attendance via Go To Meeting:** Lisa Alkire – Alkire Collab, Alex Case Cohen – POCD, Mike Lithgow – Kalispel Tribe of Indians Natural Resources Department, Levi Keesecker – Washington State Conservation Commission, Sharon Sorby – POC Weed Board, Renee Kinnick – Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Michele Masuen – Local farmer/rancher

Official Action Item		
Motion	Motion made by:	Motioned seconded by:
Approve past meeting minutes	Sharon	Mike
Approve video expenditures	Sharon	Mike
Approve new sign sizes	Mike	Sharon
Approve budget for end of FY2021	Renee	Michele
Approve BMP Additions	Michele	Sharon
Pasture restoration near Elk project	Renee	Sharon
Dalkena Pasture Restoration	Mike	Michelle
Approve purchase of trailer for all purpose seeder not to exceed \$6,000	Mike	Renee
Cost share approval for 2 cover crop plantings	Michele	Mike
Update measurable benchmarks for VSP Work Plan	Sharon	Renee

**Public Comments:** No comment received.

## 1. VSP Program Update

- On track to meet all our benchmarks for educational outreach.
- Continue to update budget until the end of FY2021
- Facilitate project implementation/completion by 6/30/21 (end of FY2021)
- Working with county to draft agreement for seeder; may require lawyer fees to draft agreement
- May hire outreach specialist/resource tech to work through VSP

## 2. Optimizing our Work Plan

- Adapting outreach/participation priorities
- Reconsidering on the ground monitoring
  - Identifying our target areas
  - Verifying BMP's
  - Needing to look at the quality and quantity of the critical areas
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- Reassessing BMP/ stewardship priorities
  - Proposed BMP additions, Herbaceous Weed Control, Conservation Crop Rotation, Residue & Tillage Management--- No Till, Cover Crop, Residue & Tillage Management—Reduced, Silvopasture, Prescribed grazing, nutrient management
  - Approved BMP additions

## 3. Budget

- Review remaining VSP Funds: \$100,801.17
- Available balance of \$5,947.86

## 4. Review Cost Share Projects (Please see attached presentations)

- Pasture restoration near Elk, WA
- Dalkena Pasture Restoration –
  - Future project in the riparian area we could come in and do some planting
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## 3. Next Steps

- Upcoming priorities
  - Projects must be completed by May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021
  - Establishing by-laws and more formal work group format – next meeting
  - Determine budget for next biennium (2022-2023)
  - Workgroup member participation

Meeting Adjourned – 11:09 AM