

## **Spokane Inland Empire Pheasants Forever Chapter (PF0800) Meeting Minutes**

**6:00 pm, Thursday March 6th, 2025**

### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

Meeting was called to order at 6:00. 18 people attended the meeting, including three first time attenders.

### **2. Treasurer's Report and Finances, KristinS**

Kristin read the balance and we're still well under budget for the year.

Four habitat projects purchases have used about \$2600

\$2000 was donation from Audubon. In addition they are also providing the deer fencing for the Revere project.

North 40 gave us a 30% discount on habitat supplies.

All materials have been purchased for Revere except for 6 4x4s and the shrubs which will be about \$8500 (+\$50 delivery fee). The total will be about \$10,000 out of our budget. WDFW is in for about \$7800.

MikeG requested \$400 to buy replacement shrubs to replace those eaten by porcupines and killed by high pH at a prior project in Revere. This was approved.

### **3. Habitat Projects, MikeG**

Overview:

MikeG distributed fifteen rolls of landscape fabric at our last meeting, and brought five more today. Volunteers are asked to cut the fabric into 18" x 18" squares with a slit to the center for use as weed blocking collars on our plantings. **Mike asked for volunteers to return the finished product at our next business meeting.**

We've never fertilized any of the conservation plots under our care and they seem less productive than before. Mike is waiting for results to come back from soil testing before we buy amendments. Aaron recommends Wilbur Ellis for fertilizer because they have much better prices than retail but we'd need to set up an account.

#### **Lamont Project:**

Between WDFW and PF staff, the labor needs for this Feel Free to Hunt habitat improvement are covered, but members are still welcome to come out on March 26th to watch the machines lay fabric and plant plugs. WDFW is buying the plants, and we're buying the fencing.

#### **Revere Project (4/12/25, 8:30am):**

Doug and Mike are planning to mow the plots on 3/8 or 3/9 to get them ready. WDFW will be using their equipment to rototill and lay fabric for our plots later in March. With this prep work, we'll only need to drill holes, plant the shrubs, staple down the skirts and build the fences on our volunteer work day. We currently have about 50 volunteers lined up, and Mike is hoping for about 75 so we can finish up on one day. PLEASE REGISTER ON THE [WDFW website](#) ASAP so we can plan ahead. If you're signed up, you'll receive

directions to the job site and more information. As shown on [our Facebook page](#), Wagner Road on the Revere Wildlife area was completely washed out. The county thinks they may be able to repair it within the month, but we could still access our project site if it's not available.

#### **4. Fundraising Sporting Clays Shoot at [Landt Farms Sporting Clays \(6/14/25\)](#):**

The organizationally approved registration platform isn't simple but Kristin and Jeff have figured out everything except how to log cash and check payments. We have quite a few raffle prizes lined up, but we can always use more. Some of the prizes include clay pigeons, a new game cam, binocs, 3 x \$25 GCs from Gun Dog Supply, a custom made leather wallet and a handmade skinning knife. An email will be sent to all of our 260 current members will be sent out soon asking them to solicit more prizes from their networks. An opening day hunt on private land near Mt. Spokane will be offered at a silent auction. Ribbons have been purchased for awards. Members are asked to bring walkie talkies and we could use a few coolers with ice and water to post at some of the 15 stations. A sign up sheet was circulated for various roles at the event. A flyer is in process. Please contact Jeff if you're willing to help out.

#### **5. Pheasants and Pints Social Event (3:00 – 5:00pm, 5/17/25), BillW**

We'll be setting up a table inside the building at **Big Barn Brewery in Green Bluff** with a slide show. Bill will be running a trivia contest with \$100 in gift certificates from North 40 as prizes. This event will serve as community outreach as well as a social event. A BBQ truck will be there for food, and a band will start playing outside on the lawn at 6:00pm. Kids and well-behaved dogs on leashes are welcome outdoors.

#### **6. New banners and potential change in chapter name:**

We've decided to buy new banners for public events that reflect our recent change in the name of our chapter (from Inland Empire, which was adopted to be inclusive of the Palouse and Northern Idaho areas, to Spokane Inland Empire). Jeff had several professionally produced graphics for consideration. After discussion it was agreed that it made sense to drop "Inland Empire" from the banners and just use Spokane Chapter. An official name change from Spokane Inland Empire to Spokane was considered, but MikeC pointed out that this would require a change to the bank account and no decision was made.

#### **7. Next meeting scheduled for 6:00 pm Monday, 4/7/25, at the North Spokane Library on Hawthorne. The May meeting will be on 5/5/25.**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:07pm.**