

Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District Advisory Committee Regular Meeting Minutes

Location:

Lewis County Commissioners Hearing Room, 2nd floor of the Historic

Courthouse, 351 NW North St., Chehalis WA 98532

Meeting Date:

Thursday, July 8, 2021

Meeting Time:

8:00 am

Chehalis River Basin

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by John Henricksen at 8:00 a.m., Thursday, July 8, 2021. Those in attendance were:

Erik Martin

Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District Administrator

Lara McRea

Interim Clerk, Board of Supervisors

Dan Maughan

Chehalis River Basin FCZD Adv Committee Member

John Henricksen

Chehalis River Basin FCZD Adv Committee Member (Zoom)

Dave Muller

Chehalis River Basin FCZD Adv Committee Member Chehalis River Basin FCZD Adv Committee Member

Steve Grega Frank Corbin

Chehalis River Basin FCZD Adv Committee Member (Zoom)

David Fenn

Chehalis River Basin FCZD Adv Committee Member (Zoom)

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Absent:

Jason Humphrey Bonnie Coumbs Charles Coddington Bill Brumsickle Chehalis River Basin FCZD Adv Committee Member Chehalis River Basin FCZD Adv Committee Member Chehalis River Basin FCZD Adv Committee Member Chehalis River Basin FCZD Adv Committee Member

Approval of Minutes for May 25, 2021

Frank made a motion to approve the minutes of May 25, 2021. Dan seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Office of the Chehalis Basin budget update

Erik gave an update on the OCB meeting that occurred on July 1st. The biennium budget was set to be passed in May but OCB was short a quorum member. The Quinault Indian Nation had some questions regarding the work that was proposed by district. Erik said the work that was proposed by the district was mostly very specific to the EISs and was requested by the Army Corps of Engineers and the Dept. of Ecology. There was another portion of the budget for \$6 million for additional engineering that the district was willing to defer to later in the biennium.



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The Quinault's have requested a meeting with the flood district, Dept. of Ecology and the Army Corps to review the budget. They want to discuss what is legally required for the SEPA and NEPA.

Erik noted he will be bringing Jim Waldo and Shane Cherry to the meeting with the Quinault.

CFHMP

Erik reported that the draft plan of the Comprehensive Flood Hazard Mitigation Plan was sent out to the committee last week and stressed that input from the committee will be important. This plan will look at the goals, strategies and projects of the district. The document will be a guidance for the flood control zone district.

Erik briefly discussed the contents of the document and encouraged the group to review it and submit any comments to Betsy by July 21st.

Social media and communications update

Erik noted HDR has been hired to work on social media and communications for the district. HDR is currently contracted with the district for engineering needs.

The HDR team is currently working on data mining which looks at the different social platforms people are on.

Erik asked that in light of the budget situation if the committee agreed that the district should continue on with outreach. The group felt it made sense to continue on.

Discussion was held about different ways to get the public involved.

Project update

Erik reported that there is work going on with the project to answer some of the more basic questions that the Army Corps and Dept. of Ecology needs for the final EISs.

The district is working with HDR and the Kleinschmidt Group on a memo regarding avoidance, minimization and mitigation. They are working together to answer the fundamental questions about vegetation management, fish passage and some of the key topics that the Army Corps and the Dept. of Ecology have. The district will have a technical memo that we will submitted to both the Army Corps and the Dept. of Ecology soon that will help answer some of those questions.

Erik said the technical memo that will be submitted and this is the last piece of work that is programmed until the district knows more about the budget.

Announcements

No comments.

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Adjournment

Frank made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Steve seconded the motion. Meeting ended at 8:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lara McRea

Interim Clerk, Board of Supervisors