

Erik P. Martin, P.E., District Administrator

351 NW North St Chehalis, WA 98532-1900

# Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District Regular Meeting Minutes

Location:

Lewis County Commissioners Hearing Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Historic

Courthouse, 351 NW North St., Chehalis WA 98532

Meeting Date:

Wednesday, April 27, 2022

**Meeting Time:** 

2:30 pm

## Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District Supervisor at 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 27, 2022. Those in attendance were:

F. Lee Grose Lindsey Pollock Erik Martin Lara McRea Chehalis River Basin FCZD Supervisor Chehalis River Basin FCZD Supervisor Chehalis River Basin FCZD Administrator

Lara McRea
John Henricksen

Interim Clerk, Board of supervisors Chehalis River Basin FCZD Advisory Committee member

Matt Dillin
Edna Fund

Project Manager, Chehalis River Basin FCZD Office of the Chehalis Basin Board member

Austin Majors

Public Information Specialist

Jim Waldo

Consultant, Gordon, Thomas, Honeywell

Isabel Vander Stoep

Chronicle reporter

## Verification of a Quorum

There is a quorum of two district supervisors.

## Introductions

Introductions were made.

## Approval of minutes for March 23, 2022

Supervisor Grose made a motion to approve the minutes from March 23, 2022. Supervisor Pollock seconded the motion.

Motion approved.

## **Public Comment**

Isabel Vander Stoep from the Chronicle said that on May 20, she and Jared would be departing from Pe Ell all the way down the Chehalis River out to Grays Harbor. They will be gone for 12 days and she is planning to write stories along the way and have set up before they depart. Isabel said she would like to feature as much



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life on the river and showcase as many entities that are involved. She asked that if there are any people, projects or stories that they should be highlighting that the district contact her.

# **Invoice Approvals**

(Grant 17-1373 Chehalis Basin Strategy Participation)

Vendor	Date	Service	Amount
GTH	Mar 2022	Governmental affairs svcs-Mar	15,402.50
LC Administration	Mar 2022	Staff time Martin/McRea-Mar	3,082.78
HDR Engineering	Mar 2022	Eng Svcs for AMM 2.27-3.26.22	3,602.67
HDR Engineering	Mar 2022	Enviro Svcs 2.27-3.26.22	7,785.62
Kleinschmidt	Mar 2022	Eng Svcs Proj 4827002.01 (Mitigation Plan)	62,704.20
Jones & Jones	Mar 2022	Prof Svcs 2.26-4.1.22	5,146.88
Stoel Rives LLP	Mar 2022	Prof Svcs through 3.31.22	6,160.00
Dillin Engineering	Mar 2022	Prof Eng Svcs Project Mgr through 3.31.22	13,482.00
		TOTAL ALL EXPENSES:	117,366.65

#### (Grant .09 Distressed Counties Funding)

Vendor	Date	Service	Amount
HDR Communications	Mar 2022	Comm support 2.27.22-3.26.22	4,256.76
		TOTAL ALL EXPENSES:	4,256.76

Grand Total of all expenses: \$ 121,623.41

Erik Martin gave a briefing of the expenditures.

Motion made by Supervisor Grose to approve the invoices totaling \$121,623.41. Supervisor Pollock seconded the motion.

Motion approved.

## Office of the Chehalis Basin update

Erik Martin reported that the district presented to the Office of the Chehalis Basin (OCB) at their last meeting. The topics were air pollution impacts, Pe Ell water system impacts and wetlands around the airport levee.

The district is planning to present again on May 5 with an expansive discussion about some of the mitigation work the district is doing.

Matt Dillin said the presentations are a series of updates on the work the district has done since the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The district is addressing some of the assumptions in the draft EIS such as the fish passage.

Edna Fund from the OCB discussed water rights in the Skookumchuck Dam.



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Edna discussed the Lewis County Stream Team and their goal is to provide the public with opportunities for education and stewardship to create cool, clean streams for salmon. The team is sponsored by the Office of the Chehalis Basin and supported by the Lewis Conservation District.

# **Social Media and Communications**

Matt Dillin read some of the social media stats that were provided by HDR.

#### Facebook stats:

- Reach 3,104
- Shares 26
- Likes 56
- Comments 6
- Link Clicks 50
- Other Clicks 94

Page Follows: 684 (+26 since Dec. 20, 2021)

# **Project Update**

Matt Dillin reported that the mitigation plan is due May 31 and this plan will feed into the final EIS. Kleinschmidt is the consultant working on the mitigation plan. The district is also coordinating with the Dept. of Ecology and the Army Corps of Engineers on this plan.

He also said there are site visits scheduled for next month for the hyporheic exchange project.

Erik said the hyporheic project takes ground water from either below the riverbed or the sides and get it influencing the temperature of the main channel of the water. Any cold water spot you can create is a good place for the fish to stop and recharge thing for the fish. The district could potentially use this project as a mitigation measure for the project. By 2024, the district should have a constructed project in the river.

Erik said the final EISs are anticipated to be completed in 2023.

Jim Waldo said he feels confident in the work that is currently being produced by the districts biologists and hydrologists. Currently they are working on ways to avoid and minimize impacts.

# **Announcements**

No comments.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lara McRea Interim Clerk