

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

351 NW North St Chehalis, WA 98532-1900

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

Location:

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

Courthouse, 351 NW North St., Chehalis WA 98532

**Meeting Date:** 

November 12, 2020

**Meeting Time:** 

8:00 am

### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by John Henricksen at 8:03 a.m., Thursday, November 12, 2020. Those in attendance were:

Erik Martin Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District Administrator

Lara McRea Interim Clerk, Board of Supervisors
Betsy Dillin Engineer, Lewis County Public Works

John Robinson (Zoom) Flood District Consultant

Dan Maughan (Zoom)

John Henricksen

Dave Muller

Steve Grega (Zoom)

Frank Corbin (Zoom)

Chehalis River Basin FCZD Adv Committee Member

Rona Spellacacy (Zoom) HDR Engineer

J. Vander Stoep (Zoom) Office of the Chehalis Basin Board Member

Absent:

Jason HumphreyChehalis River Basin FCZD Adv Committee MemberDavid FennChehalis River Basin FCZD Adv Committee MemberBill BrumsickleChehalis River Basin FCZD Adv Committee Member

#### Approval of Minutes for October 8, 2020

Dave M. made a motion to approve the minutes of October 8, 2020. Frank seconded the motion. Motion approved.

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#### **NEPA DEIS Comments**

Erik discussed the letter that HDR and the flood district staff have been working on that will be presented to the district supervisors later today at a special meeting. The letter is will be submitted by Erik Martin, District Administrator on behalf of the district supervisors and addressed to Anchor QEA. The letter will then be submitted to the Army Corps of Engineers in response to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) issued for the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project on September 18, 2020.

Erik discussed the four main sections of the comment letter.

- Section 1 Comments on the Structure and Content of the DEIS
- Section 2 Comments on Assumptions for Inundation Frequency/Duration, and Vegetation Management and their Relationship to Findings on Water Quality and Impacts to Aquatic Species
- Section 3 Comments on Key Distinctions between NEPA DEIS and SEPA DEIS
- **Section 4** Corrections or Clarifications of Project Features, Assumptions, and Items of Material Interest in the NEPA DEIS

The group held discussion about the content of the letter.

John Robinson said the Army Corps will ask Anchor QEA who is the consultant who prepared the federal and state EIS's to go through the two documents and create a table showing the technical differences between the two documents as a first step towards reconciling the two.

He further discussed.

Jay V. noted that John Robinson has been valuable resource to the district and his quality of work and depth of work is commendable.

Dan made a motion to move the comment letters forward to the district supervisors for their approval. Frank seconded the motion.

Motion approved.

## 2021 Preliminary budget review

John H. noted there was a recent meeting with the budget review committee. Erik said there are additional revenues the district is trying to lock down which is around \$430k for ongoing work and specifically mitigation.

He said the budget will be passed in December with the known numbers. There will also be an amendment in December for the 2020 budget for \$300k. This is additional funds received from RCO through the Office of the Chehalis Basin for the Army Corps of Engineer's ongoing efforts.

#### **Announcements**

No comments.

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# **Adjournment**

Dave made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Frank seconded the motion. Meeting ended at 8:41 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lara McRea

Interim Clerk, Board of Supervisors