Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Lewis County Commissioners Meeting Room 2nd floor of the Historic Courthouse 351 NW North St Chehalis WA 98532

Meeting Date: April 11, 2019 Meeting Time: 8:00 am

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by John Henricksen at 8:02 a.m., Thursday, April 11, 2019. Those in attendance were:

Erik Martin Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District Administrator

Lara McRea Interim Clerk, Board of Supervisors

John Henricksen

Bill Brumsickle

Bonnie Coumbs

Chehalis River Basin FCZD Advisory Committee Member

Absent:

Jason HumphreyChehalis River Basin FCZD Advisory Committee MemberLonnie WilleyChehalis River Basin FCZD Advisory Committee MemberDan MaughanChehalis River Basin FCZD Advisory Committee MemberCharles CoddingtonChehalis River Basin FCZD Advisory Committee MemberSteve GregaChehalis River Basin FCZD Advisory Committee Member

II. Approval of Minutes for February 14, 2019

The minutes for February 14th will be approved at the May 9th meeting as there is no quorum.

III. Water Retention Facility Update

Erik reported that there have been several requests from the Army Corps of Engineers in January and February and all have been fulfilled but one. Both entities have asked clarification questions and the district has contracted with HDR Engineering to help with the design questions. The Army Corps has also asked for an archeological survey to be done. ESA will do the study and the timeline is 90 days.

IV. <u>CFHMP update</u>

Erik noted that the Army Corps and Department of Ecology had some questions regarding the Comprehensive Flood Hazard Mitigation Project (CFHMP).

In addition to the dam, the CFHMP will look at other projects that the district can do if the supervisors chose too. An example of a project would be a critter pad. The district would be looking at projects that have the greatest public benefit.

The district also wants to make sure their goals and projects line up with the Office of Chehalis Basin's.

Discussion was held regarding Community Rating System (CRS) points. The lower the CRS rating the better the insurance rate.

The Army Corps and Department of Ecology asked if the CRS points were cumulative to the project.

Discussion was held regarding FEMA flood plain levels.

The stakeholder kickoff meeting for the CFHMP occurred on March 27th and the next meeting will be held on April 30th.

Erik noted he was not sure when the draft EIS would be completed but it should be completed sometime in 2020. He also said the draft SEPA will be done after the 1st of the year.

The district put in a preliminary ask of \$4 million to the Office of the Chehalis Basin which starts in July for the next biennium. Some of the funding will funnel through the district and some through the Office of the Chehalis Basin. The OCB will fund the consultants and mitigation plan. SEPA and NEPA will look at impacts but the district is trying to anticipate the impacts and will start to develop a plan to mitigate. Once the environmental review starts the impacts will be known.

Erik noted that vegetation management wasn't well thought out in the preliminary design process. It was noted that much of the vegetation could be underwater for 30 days in a big flood.

Discussion was held regarding mitigation. Erik said that Anchor QEA will be working on a plan with the help of HDR who is the engineer for the design of the dam.

Erik discussed the bump out on the levee which will cost around \$250k.

The net phase of preliminary dam design is around \$3 million.

Erik noted he has a conference call with Ken Ghalambor this coming Monday to discuss the budget.

Dave discussed the Voluntary Stewardship Program (VSP) program.

V. 2019 Budget Amendment

Lara reviewed the proposed budget amendment in the amount of \$42,144. These are 2018 carryover amounts of two district RCO grants.

The group could not vote on the amendment a there was no quorum but those present were supportive of the amendment.

John noted he will contact certain members of the advisory group regarding their attendance at the meetings.

Lara will request an rsvp for future meetings.

It was noted that this meeting had items that need to be voted on and there was no quorum.

VI. Good of the Order

No discussion.

VII. Adjournment

Meeting ended at 8:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Lara McRea

Interim Clerk, Board of Supervisors