



Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District

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, 2nd floor of the Historic Courthouse, 351 NW North St., Chehalis WA 98532
Meeting Date: October 8, 2020
Meeting Time: 8:00 am

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by John Henricksen at 8:00 a.m., Thursday, October 8, 2020. Those in attendance were:

Erik Martin	Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District Administrator
Lara McRea	Interim Clerk, Board of Supervisors
John Robinson	Flood district consultant
Dan Maughan (Zoom)	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Adv Committee Member
John Henricksen	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Adv Committee Member
Steve Grega (Zoom)	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Adv Committee Member
Frank Corbin	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Adv Committee Member
Charles Coddington (Zoom)	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Adv Committee Member
Bill Brumsickle	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Adv Committee Member
Dave Muller	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Adv Committee Member
Rona Spellacacy	Engineer for HDR
J. Vander Stoep	Office of the Chehalis Basin Board Member

Absent:

Jason Humphrey	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Adv Committee Member
David Fenn	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Adv Committee Member
Bonnie Coumbs	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Adv Committee Member

Approval of Minutes for September 10, 2020

Frank made a motion to approve the minutes of September 10, 2020. Bill seconded the motion. Motion approved.



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NEPA DEIS

Erik reviewed and discussed some key findings that John Robinson has put together on the NEPA DEIS:

1. The NEPA DEIS includes an extensive assessment of project alternatives
2. The NEPA DEIS evaluated the No Action Alternative in detail and described the ongoing impacts from flooding with no flood reduction facility.
3. The NEPA DEIS found almost no impact to the four main salmon species at the Basin-wide level.
4. The NEPA DEIS finds impacts from construction and operation in most resource categories but more accurately assess the level of impact.
5. The NEPA DEIS provides a clear side-by-side comparison of the proposed project and the alternatives.
6. The NEPA DEIS found that the proposed project would create benefits to environmental resources.
7. The NEPA DEIS used the same reservoir vegetation assumptions used in the SEPA DEIS to analyze aquatic habitat and species impacts.

Erik also noted that John and HDR are working on the comment letter to the Army Corps.

Further discussion was held on the NEPA DEIS and aquatic habitat and species.

Mitigation efforts

Erik reviewed Shane Cherry's mitigation presentation. (SEE ATTACHED).

He said the governor has gotten involved and asked for specific things such as another look at alternatives. The governor has also asked to continue to work on mitigation planning.

The meeting that the district had with the directors of the Department of Ecology and the Department of Fish & Wildlife was discussed. It was primarily focused on fish and Shane Cherry's mitigation assessment.

Communications Plan

John discussed his concerns with getting information to the public in a way that will make it easier to understand the science that has been concluded.

Erik said the social media aspect is up and running with the Facebook page. He discussed some of the work of the communications team.

Erik noted the district may request to have a meeting with the tribes that is similar to the one the district had with the directors of DOE and WDFW to discuss mitigation efforts.

Further discussion was held regarding media outreach and communication plans.



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Resolution No. 20-006 renew the appointment terms for three current members of the Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District Advisory Committee

This resolution would renew the appointments of Dan Maughan, David Mueller and Jason Humphrey for three year terms expiring in 2023.

Bill made a motion to move Resolution No. 20-006 forward to the district supervisors for approval on their October 28th meeting. Frank seconded the motion.

Motion approved.

2021 Preliminary budget review

Erik noted that the 2021 budget is currently being reviewed. Discussion was held about a small group forming a committee to be involved in the budget process.

Chuck, John H. and Frank volunteered to be on the budget committee. Dan will be an alternate on the committee.

Announcements

No comments.

Adjournment

Bill made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Steve seconded the motion. Meeting ended at 8:51 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lara McRea
Interim Clerk, Board of Supervisors