

**Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District
Special Meeting
Minutes**

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

Meeting Date: November 12, 2020

Meeting Time: 2:00 pm

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District Supervisor Fund at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, November 12, 2020. Those in attendance were:

Edna J. Fund	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Supervisor
Robert Jackson	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Supervisor
Gary Stamper	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Supervisor
Erik Martin	Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District Administrator
Amber Smith	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Attorney
Betsy Dillin	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Engineer (teleconference)
Lara McRea	Interim Clerk, Board of Supervisors
John Henriksen	CRBFCZD Advisory Committee Member
Jim Waldo	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Consultant (teleconference)
John Robinson	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Consultant (teleconference)
Rona Spellacacy	HDR Engineer
Sean Swope	Commissioner elected for 2021
Lindsey Pollock	Commissioner elected for 2021
Claudia Yaw	Chronicle Reporter
Nic Scott	KELA

II. Verification of a Quorum

There is a quorum of three district supervisors.

III. Introductions

Introductions were made.

IV. Approval of minutes for October 28, 2020

Supervisor Jackson made a motion to approve the minutes of October 28, 2020. Supervisor Stamper seconded the motion.

Motion approved.

V. Public Comment

No comments.

VI. Invoice approvals

(Grant 17-1373 Chehalis Basin Strategy Participation)

Vendor	Date	Service	Amount
Gordon, Thomas, Honeywell	10.31.2020	Governmental affairs svcs	21,470.00
HDR Engineering	10.29.2020	Engineering svcs 9.27-10.24.20	53,416.87
LC Admin	11.11.2020	Staff time-Martin/McRea	3,161.44
Lara McRea	11.1.2020	Domain (website) reimbursement	330.47
		TOTAL ALL EXPENSES:	78,378.78

(Grant 18-2599 Comprehensive Flood Hazard Management Plan-Phase 2)

Vendor	Date	Service	Amount
Perteet Engineering	11.6.2020	Prof svcs 8.31-11.1.2020	3,512.50
		TOTAL ALL EXPENSES:	3,512.50

(Grant .09 Distressed Counties Funding)

Vendor	Date	Service	Amount
Desmond & Louis Inc.	11.2.2020	Public Education & Communication Program	6,000.00
HDR Engineering	11.2.2020	Eng svcs 9.27-10.24.20	8,334.21
		TOTAL ALL EXPENSES:	14,334.21

Grand Total of all expenses: \$ 96,225.49

Motion made by Supervisor Jackson to approve the invoices totaling 96,225.49. Supervisor Stamper seconded the motion.

Erik gave a briefing of the expenditures.

Motion approved.

VII. Resolution No. 20-008 Notice of Public Hearing for 2020 Budget Amendment

Supervisor Jackson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 20-008 Notice of Public Hearing for a 2020 Budget Amendment.

Supervisor Stamper seconded the motion.

Erik noted that resolution 20-008 is a notice of hearing to amend the 2020 budget for the Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District. The hearing will take place on Wednesday, December 9, on or after 2:30 p.m. The notice will be published in the Chronicle on November 28 and December 3 and in the East County Journal on December 2, 2020. The notice will reflect an increase in expenditures of \$300,000 and an increase in revenue of \$300,000 for Chehalis Basin Strategy Work. The funding is specific to a request the district received from the Army Corps of Engineers for funding their efforts for the WRDA agreement.

Motion approved.

VIII. NEPA DEIS Comment review and response letter

Erik discussed the two memo's that summarize the submittals the district will give to the Army Corps of Engineers on Monday if the supervisors approve. The first memo is regarding a comment letter for the NEPA EIS and the second is regarding the Vegetation Management Plan (VMP) submittal.

Erik discussed the four main sections of the NEPA DEIS 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

John Robinson also reviewed each section with the supervisors. He discussed the VMP and inundation analysis. He also discussed the effects of a no-action alternative.

Supervisor Stamper asked if Weyerhaeuser had submitted a plan for the timber in the area of the proposed water retention facility. Erik said some of the details such as this have not been determined yet. He also said the VMP addresses the inundation of tree species.

Erik said back in July, the Governor wrote a letter to the Office of the Chehalis Basin Board (OCB). The key thing the Governor said to the OCB was to continue to work on mitigation for the proposed project. The Governor said he needed to know what mitigations can be done for this particular project. Erik said the district has been doing that work since then. Much of the work, including the Vegetation Management Plan is developing mitigation for the project.

He also said the district requested \$430k from OCB and is hoping to hear back soon in order to continue mitigation work that the Governor asked the district to do.

Jim Waldo noted that not only is the district doing what the Governor has asked for but the district is doing its due diligence in order for the decision makers to make an informed decision on whether they should pursue the project. He further discussed the mitigation efforts.

John H. discussed the discrepancies between the NEPA and SEPA based on modeling.

Erik noted the advisory committee passed a motion this morning to advise the supervisors to approve sending the comment letters to the Army Corps of Engineers.

Supervisor Jackson made a motion to authorize the district administrator to submit proposed comments on the NEPA DEIS document as well as the attached Vegetation Management Plan to the Army Corps of Engineers.

Supervisor Stamper seconded the motion.

Motion approved.

IX. RCO Funding

Erik reiterated that the district requested and received the \$300k from RCO through the Office of the Chehalis Basin for the WRDA agreement work on behalf of the Army Corps of Engineers. The district has also requested an additional \$430k from RCO and hope to hear if that funding was approved soon. The work that the district has scoped out with the entities that need this information is imperative as most of the work needs to be completed by early March.

John H. said the budget subcommittee of the advisory committee reviewed and looked at it in detail and they recommend it be approved.

X. Announcements

John H. said that reps from One Voice authorized are working on communications and project support.

Discussion was held regarding comments on the district's Facebook page.

XI. Adjournment

Supervisor Jackson made a motion to adjourn, Supervisor Stamper seconded the motion. Motion passed.
Meeting adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lara McRea".

Lara McRea
Interim Clerk