



# Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District

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

*351 NW North St  
Chehalis, WA 98532-1900*

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## Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District Advisory Committee 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:** Thursday, March 10, 2022  
**Meeting Time:** 8:00 am

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### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by John Henricksen at 8:01 a.m., Thursday, March 10, 2022. Those in attendance were:

Erik Martin	Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District Administrator
Lara McRea	Interim Clerk, Board of Supervisors
Matt Dillin	Project Manager, Chehalis River Basin FCZD
Dan Maughan	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Adv Committee Member
John Henricksen	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Adv Committee Member
Steve Grega	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Adv Committee Member
Frank Corbin	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Adv Committee Member
David Fenn	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Adv Committee Member
Charles Coddington	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Adv Committee Member
J. Vander Stoep	Office of the Chehalis Basin board member
Edna Fund	Office of the Chehalis Basin board member
Austin Majors	Lewis County Public Information Specialist

### **Absent:**

Bill Brumsickle	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Adv Committee Member
Dave Muller	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Adv Committee Member
Jason Humphrey	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Adv Committee Member

### Approval of Minutes for January 13, 2022

Steve made a motion to approve the minutes of January 13, 2022. Frank seconded the motion. Motion approved.

### Office of the Chehalis Basin Update

Erik noted the district is planning for some informational sessions with the Office of the Chehalis Basin Board (OCB) over the next 3 months as the district has a lot of information to update them on. He would like to recap the district's work last year since the draft EIS was published and also focus on some specific areas



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that the board is interested in. Erik will speak with Andrea McNamara Doyle about getting the district on upcoming agendas.

Edna Fund noted that OCB held a meeting last night regarding the Skookumchuck Dam which had 71 people attending online. She said the Skookumchuck started functioning as a dam in 1970 which was made for business purposes and not water retention during flooding.

There are currently 3 options to look at for the current study:

1. Leave the dam as is which is owned by TransAlta
2. Adjust the dam/modify
3. Take out the dam out

If the dam is taken out, there are no water rights available. Years ago there was discussion about making the dam higher but it was too expensive.

Edna said that OCB planned to have another meeting in 3 months when more studies are done.

The group further discussed the Skookumchuck dam.

Dan Maughan reported that the land committee is meeting twice a month now in an effort to inform the consultants of their areas of expertise.

Dan said one of one of the groups focuses is to redo the freeway overpass over the Newaukum at exit 71. He thinks for some this area is detrimental to the flow of the fish passing through that area.

Dan noted there is another meeting this coming Monday and on Wednesday the land committee will be going on a field trip to the airport and other sites to look at flood locations.

### **Land Owner Engagement**

Erik discussed the district having difficulty accessing Weyerhaeuser (WY) land this past year. In the past WY had spent a lot of time accommodating the district and other consultants working on the project which was becoming time consuming.

Erik also discussed the other landowner engagement work the district is doing on mitigation sites and discussed Hyporheic Exchange, which is a pilot project.

The group further discussed the hyporheic exchange project.

### **Project update**

Erik reported that Matt Dillin is going to be a contract employee of the district and will be working full time. Betsy Dillin is going to be focusing more on utilities and stormwater for the Public Works Department.

Matt discussed the letter the district received from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) which specifically spoke to the ORCA issue. NOAA disagrees with the impacts that were identified. He further explained.



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## **Social Media and Communications**

Erik mentioned that the district sent out a flood flyer to many residents in the basin. He has received positive responses from some residents and also some that do not want a water retention facility.

Steve Grega felt the brochure was very well put together. He has spoken to many people and he feels people are worried about the cost of the dam. Erik said in the 2007 flood, there were \$900 million in damages. With a water retention facility in place the damages would be less than \$150 million.

Further discussion was held.

## **Announcements**

No announcements.

## **Adjournment**

Dan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Steve seconded the motion. Meeting ended at 9:14 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lara McRea".

Lara McRea  
Interim Clerk, Board of Supervisors