



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 Regular Meeting Minutes

Location: Lewis County Commissioners Hearing Room, 2nd floor of the Historic Courthouse, 351 NW North St., Chehalis WA 98532
Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 25, 2021
Meeting Time: 9:00 am

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by John Henricksen at 9:03 a.m., Tuesday, May 25, 2021. Those in attendance were:

Erik Martin	Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District Administrator
Betsy Dillin	Engineer, Chehalis River Basin FCZD (Zoom)
Lara McRea	Interim Clerk, Board of Supervisors
Dan Maughan	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Adv Committee Member
John Henricksen	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Adv Committee Member
Dave Muller	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 (Zoom)
Charles Coddington	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Adv Committee Member
David Fenn	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Adv Committee Member
Bill Brumsickle	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Adv Committee Member
J. Vander Stoep	Office of the Chehalis Basin (Zoom)
Edna Fund	Office of the Chehalis Basin (Zoom)
Cara Peterman Phipps	USGS (Zoom)

Absent:

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

Approval of Minutes for January 14, 2021

Frank made a motion to approve the minutes of January 14, 2021. Chuck seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Office of the Chehalis Basin budget update

J. Vander Stoep reported that the legislature just passed a \$70 million capital budget appropriation for the Chehalis Basin process. The funding is for the 2021-2023 biennium and half of the funding will go towards fish and half will go towards flooding projects.

J. praised the flood staff for their knowledge and expertise on the project.

J. also discussed the Skookumchuck dam.



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Edna said they are trying to keep this research project separate from the other things TransAlta has going on. Supervisor Pollock and Edna will be taking a tour of the hatchery next week.

The group discussed the SEPA document, fish counts and modeling.

Edna discussed how important the advisory group is to this process.

CFHMP

Erik discussed the timelines of the Comprehensive Flood Hazard Management Plan project and noted the district is moving toward public process. The consultant is currently working on the final document and expects to have a draft to the district around the beginning of June. There will be a couple of weeks for internal comments, then it will be rolled out to the stakeholder group to see if they have comments. Betsy said public meetings will be held in July and a presentation will be made to the district supervisors as well as the county commissioners. The project should be wrapped up by September or October.

Social media and communications update

Erik reported that the district put out an RFP for Social Media and Communications services and four proposals were received. The district selected HDR which is the same firm the district uses for engineering services.

Erik also said The Silver Agency which is local, submitted a proposal and district staff was really impressed with them. He wanted some local expertise and Chad Taylor who is the owner of The Silver Agency agreed to work with the district and HDR.

Erik discussed how HDR plans to use Social Media Mining with their plan going forward.

Project update

Betsy said the district is currently planning and organizing the start of the FEIS's. The district is also planning the work for the next biennium.

Erik said once the budget is settled, the district will need to bring back a detailed work plan on what they think it will look like over the next two years. There will be a higher volume of work. He also said two more employees have been programmed into the budget to include a project manager and additional engineer.

Announcements

No comments.

Adjournment

Dave Muller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dave Fenn seconded the motion. Meeting ended at 10:11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lara McRea
Interim Clerk, Board of Supervisors