



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 Special Meeting Minutes

Location: Lewis County Commissioners Hearing Room, 2nd floor of the Historic Courthouse, 351 NW North St., Chehalis WA 98532
Meeting Date: Wednesday, December 9, 2020
Meeting Time: 2:30 pm

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District Supervisor Fund at 2:36 p.m., Wednesday, December 9, 2020. Those in attendance were:

Edna J. Fund	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Supervisor
Robert Jackson	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Supervisor (Zoom)
Gary Stamper	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Supervisor (Zoom)
Erik Martin	Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District Administrator
Betsy Dillin	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Engineer (Zoom)
Lara McRea	Interim Clerk, Board of Supervisors
Jim Waldo	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Consultant (Zoom)
John Robinson	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Consultant (Zoom)
Chuck Coddington	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Consultant (Zoom)
Frank Corbin	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Consultant (Zoom)
J. Vander Stoep	Office of the Chehalis Basin (Zoom)
Rona Spellacacy	HDR Engineer (Zoom)
Claudia Yaw	Chronicle Reporter (Zoom)

II. Verification of a Quorum

There is a quorum of three district supervisors.

III. Introductions

Introductions were made.

IV. Approval of minutes for November 12, 2020

Supervisor Jackson made a motion to approve the minutes of November 12, 2020. Supervisor Stamper seconded the motion.

Motion approved.



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V. Public Comment

No comments.

VI. Invoice approvals

(Grant 17-1373 Chehalis Basin Strategy Participation)

Vendor	Date	Service	Amount
Gordon, Thomas, Honeywell	November 2020	Governmental affairs svcs	17,770.00
HDR Engineering	November 2020	Eng Svcs 10.25-11.21.2020	35,729.92
LC Public Works	November 2020	Staff time/Betsy Dillin	4,715.58
Stoel Rives (C.Gaffney)	November 2020	Legal draft BA review	7,560.00
East County Journal	November 2020	Budget amendment legal ad for 2020	44.60
East County Journal	November 2020	2021 Budget hearing legal ad	80.28
Chronicle	November 2020	Budget amendment legal ad for 2020	41.82
Chronicle	November 2020	2021 Budget hearing legal ad	26.32
		TOTAL ALL EXPENSES:	68,156.93

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

Vendor	Date	Service	Amount
Perteet Engineering	November 2020	Eng Svcs 11.2-11.29.2020	5,136.73
		TOTAL ALL EXPENSES:	5,136.73

(Grant .09 Distressed Counties Funding)

Vendor	Date	Service	Amount
Desmond & Louis, Inc	November 2020	Public Education & Communication Program	6,000.00
HDR Engineering	November 2020	Engineering Svcs 10.25-11.21.20	437.63
Kleinschmidt	October 2020	Wetland mitigation 9.27- 10.24.2020	1,338.74
Kleinschmidt	November 2020	Wetland mitigation 10.31- 11.27.2020	32,830.63
		TOTAL ALL EXPENSES:	40,607.00

Grand Total of all expenses: \$ 113,900.66



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Motion made by Supervisor Jackson to approve the invoices totaling 113,900.66. Supervisor Stamper seconded the motion.

Erik gave a briefing of the expenditures.

Motion approved.

VII. Resolution No. 20-009 Public Hearing for a 2020 Budget Amendment

Supervisor Fund introduced the hearing.

Erik Martin, District Administrator gave the staff report.

This hearing pertains to the recommendation to amend the 2020 Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District budget as indicated in proposed Resolution #20-009. Notice of this public hearing was published in the Chronicle on November 28 & December 3, 2020 and in the East County Journal on December 2, 2020.

The Notice as published reflected an increase in expenditures of \$300,000 and in increase of revenue of \$300,000 for the Chehalis Basin Strategy work and funding for the ongoing efforts of the Army Corps of Engineers.

The total 2020 amended budget will be \$2,637,503 for revenues and \$2,637,503 for expenditures.

Supervisor Fund asked if there were any questions.

Supervisor Fund opened the question-and-answer portion of the hearing.

No questions were asked.

Supervisor Fund closed the question-and-answer portion of the hearing.

Erik asked that his previous comments be adopted into the record.

Supervisor Fund opened the hearing for public testimony.

Supervisor Fund asked if anyone wanted to speak for or against the resolution.

J Vander Stoep commended the professionalism of staff and the quality of work to include HDR and Kleinschmidt. He was complimentary of Shane Cherry and Kleinschmidt's work as well as John Robinson and Jim Waldo.

Supervisor Fund closed the hearing for public testimony.

Supervisor Jackson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 20-009 for \$300,000. Supervisor Stamper seconded.

Motion approved.



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VIII. Resolution No. 20-010 Public Hearing to adopt the 2021 budget for the Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District

Erik gave the staff report and said the hearing pertains to the recommendation to adopt the 2021 Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District budget as indicated in proposed Resolution No 20-010.

Notice of this public hearing was published in the Chronicle on November 28th and December 3rd 2020 and in the East County Journal on December 2nd, 2020.

Erik noted that revenues will be budgeted at \$1,615,450 and expenditures will be budgeted at \$1,615,450 as indicated in attachment A.

There are three main revenue sources:

RCO funding for the Chehalis Basin Strategy-**\$907,787**

RCO funding for the second phase of the CFHMP-**\$95,765**

.09 Distressed Counties funding for communications outreach and engineering-**\$611,898**

Total funding sources-**\$1,615,450**

Supervisor Fund opened the question-and-answer portion of the hearing.

There were no questions.

Supervisor Fund closed the question-and-answer portion of the hearing.

Erik asked that his previous comments be adopted into the record.

Supervisor Fund opened the hearing for public testimony.

Supervisor Fund asked if anyone wanted to speak for or against the resolution.

There were no comments.

Supervisor Fund closed the hearing and asked for a motion.

Supervisor Jackson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 20-010 to adopt the 2021 budget for the Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District.

Supervisor Stamper seconded.

Motion approved.

IX. Contracts for HDR and Kleinschmidt

Erik noted he has signed and executed the following contracts as they are under the threshold amount the supervisors had previously approved the district administrator to sign.



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HDR-in the amount of \$178,509 for engineering support for the avoidance, minimization and mitigation efforts which looks at the impacts of the EIS's and finds ways to either avoid, minimize or mitigate those impacts.

HDR-in the amount of \$99,216 for technical services for the design of the water retention facility and airport levee project.

Kleinschmidt-in the amount of \$51k for phase 4 environmental mitigation support services.

X. **Project update**

Erik showed the EDT modeling results by reach chart that Heather Page from Anchor QEA presented to the Office of the Chehalis Basin Board earlier this fall. This chart shows EDT modeling for fish abundance in the basin and came specifically out of the NEPA EIS. This model is used to find out what kind of impacts a project or climate change might have on fish populations to include spring-run Chinook salmon, fall-run Chinook salmon, Coho salmon and Steelhead.

The number represents the reduction or increase in abundance of those particular fish. Erik further explained that the district knows there will be impacts and those impacts will be mitigated. However when you look at an unmitigated project and then see what those impacts are basin-wide, Steelhead Coho and Fall-run Chinook salmon have a zero impact or small enough impact that it rounds down to zero. The Spring-run Chinook salmon only has an abundance of 2% basin-wide. Those are numbers that the district is working on now and will be successful at mitigating.

Further discussion was held.

Erik also showed Appendix D of the NEPA EIS which shows all the alternatives to the project that the Army Corps of Engineers evaluated during their environmental review. The column on the far right shows whether an alternative was carried to phase two. This asks the question of whether the alternative provides the level of flood protections that it is suppose too. The first 43 alternatives say no and number 44-47 say yes. Those 4 are the FRE plus Airport levee improvements, the FRO plus airport levee improvements, the FRMC plus airport levee improvements and the FRFA plus airport levee improvements. The Army Corps of Engineers looked at 61 different alternatives and found that some variation of a water retention facility was the only thing that provides the level of flood protection that the district feels is adequate for this area.

Further discussion was held.

Erik noted he gave a presentation last week to the Office of the Chehalis Basin Board. It was a high level overview of the district's continuing work on Avoidance, Minimization and Mitigation. It is just taking impacts that have been identified in the EIS and looking at ways to reduce those.

Further discussion was held.

XI. **Announcements**

Erik discussed the Governor's new orders and the effect it will have on open public meetings.



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XII. Adjournment

Supervisor Jackson made a motion to adjourn, Supervisor Stamper seconded the motion. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lara McRea
Interim Clerk