

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

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

Meeting Date: January 22, 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 Jackson at 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 22, 2020. Those in attendance were:

Edna J. Fund	Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District Supervisor (by phone)
Robert Jackson	Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District Supervisor
Gary Stamper	Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District Supervisor
Erik Martin	Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District Administrator
Jim Waldo	Attorney, Gordon, Thomas, Honeywell, LLC
Amber Caulfield	Civil DPA, Lewis County Prosecutor
John Henricksen	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Advisory Committee Member
Bonne Canaday	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Advisory Committee Member
Josh Metcalf	Lewis County Public Works Director
Lara McRea	Interim Clerk, Board of Supervisors
Kevin Korpi	Road Maintenance Lead Supervisor
Ann Weckback	Environmental Planner
Mark Glyde	Representative for the Quinault Indian Tribe

II. Verification of a Quorum

There is a quorum of three district supervisors.

III. Introductions

Introductions were made.

IV. Approval of Minutes for December 10, 2019

Motion made by Supervisor Stamper to approve the minutes of December 10, 2019. Supervisor Fund seconded the motion. Motion approved.

V. Public Comment

No comments.

VI. Invoice approvals

Invoice Approvals (Grant 17-1373 Chehalis Basin Strategy Participation)

• Payment to Gordon, Thomas, Honeywell for Dec 2019 Govt Affairs Svcs	\$ 14,126.26
• Payment to LC Public Works, Staff time for Dec 2019	\$ 4,677.45
• Payment to Lewis County Administration, Staff time for Dec 2019	\$ 2,959.16
• Payment to HDR Engineering Svcs 11.24.19-12.28.19	\$ 33,869.04
Total of all expenses:	\$ 55,631.91

Motion made by Supervisor Stamper to approve the invoices totaling \$55,631.91. Supervisor Fund seconded the motion.

Erik gave a briefing of the expenditures.

Motion approved.

VII. EDC Study

Erik reported that he asked Matt Matayoshi from the Economic Development Council (EDC) to assist with an economic study of the effects of flooding in the area. Erik provided Matt with some background information to assist with the study and Matt will be presenting the study to the supervisors at the meeting in February.

VIII. SEPA/NEPA Update

Jim Waldo reported that the Department of Ecology will be doing an analysis under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) and a draft of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be published on February 27th.

The Army Corps of Engineers will be doing an analysis under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and their EIS will be published in September of this year. At that point the agencies will take comments on both documents.

There will be a 60 day comment period at the state level and it will likely end in April. The Department of Ecology will look at all comments and then prepare a final EIS.

Ecology will provide a projected assessment of the climate change in the Chehalis Basin.

Jim discussed the aquatic species plan.

By this fall when federal EIS comes out the Office of Chehalis Basin will be in a position to recommend the project is either moving forward or not moving forward.

Once the district receives the draft EIS, they will develop specific ideas on mitigation with the assistance of a consulting firm.

Jim noted the second major thing that will occur is the biological assessment by the Army Corps of Engineers. This is a document related to endangered species.

The Project applicant, which is the flood control zone district, prepares the first draft and then the Army Corps will take it over.

The district has started to work on the BA and it will accelerate that effort after the state SEPA DEIS comes out.

The third item of significance is that under the Army Corps of Engineers the 106 process of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) which relates to historic and cultural items of importance will be conducted.

There will be a working group which will consist of the Army Corps of Engineers, the state historical office, the tribes and the flood district.

Jim said that all the archeological notifications have been completed.

Jim discussed the airport levee bumpout and said that the district and airport staff had concluded that it wasn't necessary at this time and this had been communicated state and federal agencies and the tribes.

Erik noted that he will reach out to Diane Butorac from the Department of Ecology to see if she could come to a flood district meeting after EIS is published and explain the document in more detail.

Jim discussed future permitting but said if the tribes involved find that he proposed project is unacceptable and state agencies recommend to the governor that the project not be funded then the project will not happen.

Supervisor Fund left the meeting 2:53 p.m.

Amber Smith and Susan DeLaire entered the meeting at 2:54 p.m.

Discussion was held about who would be making the decision to move the project forward.

Jim noted that the Office of the Chehalis Board would likely need to make the recommendation.

Erik is hopeful that the NEPA and SEPA documents will be relatively similar to avoid too much confusion by the public.

IX. CFHMP Contract Phase 2-Perteet Engineering

Erik reported that the district has the contract ready to sign for phase 2 of the Comprehensive Flood Hazard Management Plan (CFHMP) which is funded through the flood authority.

Supervisor Stamper made motion to allow Erik as the district administrator sign the CFHMP Phase 2 contract. Supervisor Jackson seconded the motion.

Motion approved.

X. Announcements

Supervisor Stamper thanked Jim Waldo for the update on the SEPA and NEPA EIS.

XI. Adjournment

Supervisor Stamper made a motion to adjourn, Supervisor Jackson seconded the motion. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lara McRea
Interim Clerk