



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, August 18, 2021
Meeting Time: 2:30 pm

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District Supervisor Swope at 2:31 p.m., Wednesday, August 18, 2021. Those in attendance were:

Lindsey Pollock	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Supervisor
Sean Swope	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Supervisor
Gary Stamper	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Supervisor
Erik Martin	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Administrator
Betsy Dillin	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Engineer
John Robinson	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Consultant (Zoom)
Lara McRea	Interim Clerk, Board of Supervisors
Edna Fund	Office of the Chehalis Basin Board Member (Zoom)
J. Vander Stoep	Office of the Chehalis Basin Board Member
Amber Smith	Civil Deputy, LC Prosecutor's Office (Zoom)
Claudia Yaw	Reporter, Chronicle (Zoom)

II. Verification of a Quorum

There is a quorum of three district supervisors.

III. Introductions

Introductions were made.

IV. Environmental review commitments for the SEPA and NEPA

Erik reported that he would like to get an agreement from the board of supervisors to make commitments to the agencies leading the environmental review for the project. This includes both SEPA and NEPA. The district would be submitting the same project commitments for environmental review at the state and federal level.

John noted that a lot of the information is filling in gaps in the project description that the Army Corps and Department of Ecology used in preparing their draft Environmental Impact Statements (EISs).



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They had to make assumptions in some of the areas of the EISs and some assumptions were conservative. This information will allow both agencies to refine the impacts.

Betsy noted the district has been in multiple conversations with the Army Corps of Engineers and the Dept. of Ecology discussing places where the EISs can be improved. Many of the assumptions came from the district not making the commitments and this is the intent of the district now.

Commitments:
(SEE ATTACHED MEMO)

1. No net loss of habitat or function
2. No wetland impacts at the airport levee
3. Best management practices
4. Large woody material handling and use
5. Vegetation planting
6. Air Quality
7. Pe Ell water supply

Betsy said the district has been, and will be, submitting technical memos the consultants have prepared to clarify project assumptions. The district plans to submit the commitment memo and technical attachments by the end of next week.

Erik discussed the importance of no net loss of habitat or function. He said the district would like to highlight this in the communications plan.

Erik discussed the Mitigation Opportunities Report.

John noted that the amount of vegetation near the river is one of the issues the agencies had focused on in the DEIS. They assumed that all vegetation in the reservoir would be removed and this led to a significant increase in water temperature which was impactful to fish. The district found that Mudd Mtn. Dam which operates in a similar manner, had a lot of vegetation grow back quickly after they built the dam, where the DEIS assumed that no vegetation would ever grow back. The district is using that example which would note the use of inundation tolerant plant species in the district's plan for replacing vegetation.

John discussed more assumptions.

Supervisor Stamper made a motion to approve the commitments to the Dept. of Ecology and Army Corps of Engineers.

Supervisor Pollock seconded.

Motion approved.

Supervisor Stamper made a motion to authorize the district administrator to provide the commitments and technical memos to the Dept. of Ecology and the Army Corps of Engineers.

Supervisor Pollock seconded.

Motion approved.



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V. Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lara McRea
Interim Clerk