



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 Minutes Regular Meeting

Location: Lewis County Commissioners Hearing Room, 2nd floor of the Historic Courthouse, 351 NW North St., Chehalis WA 98532
Meeting Date: January 14, 2021
Meeting Time: 8:00 am

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by John Henricksen at 8:03 a.m., Thursday, January 14, 2021. Those in attendance were:

Erik Martin	Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District Administrator
Lara McRea	Interim Clerk, Board of Supervisors
Dan Maughan (Zoom)	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Adv Committee Member
John Henricksen (Zoom)	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Adv Committee Member
Dave Muller (Zoom)	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Adv Committee Member
Steve Grega (Zoom)	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Adv Committee Member
Frank Corbin (Zoom)	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Adv Committee Member
Charles Coddington (Zoom)	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Adv Committee Member
David Fenn (Zoom)	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Adv Committee Member
Sean Swope (Zoom)	Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District Supervisor
Lindsey Pollock (Zoom)	Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District Supervisor
Josh Metcalf (Zoom)	Lewis County Public Works Director
Nic Scott (Zoom)	KELA

Absent:

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

Approval of Minutes for November 12, 2020

Frank made a motion to approve the minutes of November 12, 2020. Steve seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Introduction of Supervisor Sean Swope and Supervisor Lindsey Pollock

Supervisors Sean Swope and Dr. Lindsey Pollock introduced themselves. Each advisory committee member introduced themselves and gave a brief bio.



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Avoidance, Minimization and Mitigation (AMM) update

Erik said the district is currently focused on AMM due to the governor's letter from last summer. The letter had two pieces to it and one was to suspend SEPA to look at this alternative for local actions and if that could meet the same threshold for flooding. Then from the project side the governor asked that the Office of the Chehalis Basin (OCB) look at avoidance, minimization and mitigation. The main question is: is the project able to be mitigated for in a way that sufficiently offsets environmental impacts that have been identified in SEPA and after the letter came out in NEPA? That is the work the district has been focusing on in the past several months.

The district is also doing some outreach with the agencies for the AMM work the district is focusing on. The work is focused on species specific benefits of AMM. Much of this relates to water quality. Currently the district is taking the water quality model that was used for SEPA. The district is using the vegetation management plan which was not in place at the time when SEPA was developed and plugging this into the water quality model and see how it affects temperature, turbidity and other water quality measures that are in that model.

OCB said they wanted to respond to the governor's letter in March and tell him where they think the strategy is going. The district is doing all they can to make sure that OCB is informed of where the project is going.

Erik said at the OCB meeting last Thursday and there was a lot of discussion about this. A specific question was asked of Michael Garrity who is the lead for the Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) on the effort. He asked if WDFW felt the project cannot be mitigated for or in other words does WDFW feel there is no way to mitigate for the effects of this project. Michael's answer was no, and that they did not feel that way. He said they feel it is headed in the right direction.

Dave Fenn asked if WDFW needed to endorse the project for it to be built and Erik said no, not necessarily.

Further discussion was held.

Office of the Chehalis Basin update

John said he attended the OCB meeting last week. It would be good to take the rest of 2021 and get EIS's close to finalized and then start to make decisions after that.

Supervisor Swope felt we need to get out of study phase into the execution phase.

Supervisor Pollock said we need to find framing to highlight the study as a step forward and not a continued rehashing of old material which would be helpful.

She also felt targeted market development on this would be money well spent.

Announcements

No comments.



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Adjournment

Dan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dave seconded the motion. Meeting ended at 8:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lara McRea
Interim Clerk, Board of Supervisors