



# Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District

*Erik P. Martin, P.E., District Administrator*

*351 NW North St  
Chehalis, WA 98532-1900*

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## **Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District Advisory Committee Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Location:** Lewis County Commissioners Hearing Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Historic Courthouse, 351 NW North St., Chehalis WA 98532  
**Meeting Date:** Thursday, December 9, 2021  
**Meeting Time:** 8:00 am

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### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by John Henricksen at 8:01 a.m., Thursday, December 9, 2021. Those in attendance were:

Erik Martin	Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District Administrator
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
Steve Grega	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Adv Committee Member (Zoom)
Frank Corbin	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Adv Committee Member (Zoom)
Dave Muller	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Adv Committee Member (Zoom)
David Fenn	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Adv Committee Member (Zoom)
Charles Coddington	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Adv Committee Member (Zoom)
Todd Chaput	Lewis Economic Alliance
J. Vander Stoep	Office of the Chehalis Basin board member
Edna Fund	Office of the Chehalis Basin board member
Austin Majors	Lewis County Public Information Specialist

### **Absent:**

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

### **Approval of Minutes for November 4, 2021**

Dave Fenn made a motion to approve the minutes of November 4, 2021. Frank seconded the motion. Motion approved.

### **Office of the Chehalis Basin update**

Todd Chaput from Lewis Economic Alliance discussed his representation on OCB's Land Committee. The Land Committee is a group that is looking at alternatives or combinations of flood mitigation measures under the Chehalis Basin Strategy.



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Todd said he was appointed co-chair of the land committee and discussed his roll on the committee.

He said at a recent meeting the committee addressed concerns of individuals, how they will move forward and the hiring of a consultant to steer the project. They wanted to make sure the consultant will have a broad understanding of the basin and that they had the historical and educational knowledge to make this work. The group is there to find an alternative and they are looking at it from several aspects.

He further discussed the committee's roles and responsibilities.

J. said the Dept. of Ecology looked ahead 50-100 years and they factored in climate change in the SEPA document. Climate change models say the rivers get hotter and to expect lower flows over the next century. The Dept. of Ecology included this as a negative impact of the facility itself. He said 87% of the negative impacts were from climate change and not from the facility.

J. discussed Shane Cherry's mitigation presentation and said there are 150 potential mitigation sites in the upper Chehalis Basin. Those sites are more than enough to offset all the negative impacts noted in the SEPA document. He noted that the flood district is very confident in its public commitment now that if the water retention facility were to be built it will result in no net loss of habitat function.

J. and Erik discussed climate modeling in the SEPA document.

Erik asked that if the committee were to propose an alternative to the flood district's project that they clearly and distinctly identify their alternative benefits vs. the flood district project's benefits. Also identify what level of flood protection will be provided with an alternative vs. this project.

The group further discussed mitigation of the proposed project.

Edna Fund noted the Land Committee will meet again on January 19 at 11:00 a.m.

### **CFHMP update**

Erik reported that the board of county commissioners and the flood district supervisors adopted the CFHMP last week. The plan is on the flood website.

He suggested that there be an annual review to make sure the district is following the guidance and principles set forth in the document.

### **Social media and communications update**

The group reviewed the website design that HDR created.

### **Project update**

Erik said he is looking forward to sending the work products to the Army Corps and Dept. of Ecology next week and would like the advisory group to review them as well.



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### **Announcements**

The next advisory committee will take place on Thursday, January 14.

### **Adjournment**

Dan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dave seconded the motion. Meeting ended at 8:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lara McRea  
Interim Clerk, Board of Supervisors