



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 Regular Meeting Minutes

Location: Lewis County Commissioners Hearing Room, 2nd floor of the Historic Courthouse, 351 NW North St., Chehalis WA 98532
Meeting Date: Thursday, September 8, 2022
Meeting Time: 8:00 am

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by John Henricksen at 8:03 a.m., Thursday, September 8, 2022. Those in attendance were:

Lara McRea	Interim Clerk, Board of Supervisors
Matt Dillin	Project Manager, Chehalis River Basin FCZD
Dan Maughan	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Adv Committee Member
John Henricksen	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Adv Committee Member
David Fenn	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Adv Committee Member
Charles Coddington	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Adv Committee Member
Frank Corbin	Chehalis River Basin FDZD Adv Committee Member
Maureen Harkcom	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Adv Committee Member
Dave Muller	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Adv Committee Member
Edna Fund	Office of the Chehalis Basin board member

Absent:

Jason Humphrey	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Adv Committee Member
Steve Grega	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Adv Committee Member

Approval of Minutes for June 9, 2022

Frank made a motion to approve the minutes of June 9, 2022. Dan seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Selection of Vice Chair

Frank Corbin was nominated to be the Vice Chair of the Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District.

The nomination was approved by all six members in attendance.



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Project update

Matt Dillin said the District is still working on the minimization alignments. The original site was impacting sensitive cultural resources and the District is trying to minimize impacts by moving the location up or down stream. The district needs to make sure the sites are geotechnically feasible. HDR who leads the geotechnical side, is on their second site visit this week. They are reviewing the bedrock features and the drilling will happen in a few weeks.

He also discussed the other benefit of having an open channel fish passage during construction.

Matt said the District had their first meeting with WDFW regarding the open channel fish passage a few weeks back and the initial response was positive.

Early March is the target date for the final geotech reports to be complete.

Landowner engagement

Matt reported on landowner engagement and said for everything you cannot avoid or minimize, you mitigate for on the impacts. The mitigation plan includes riparian and aquatic species habitat and also wetlands. Those plans identify outline areas where mitigation could occur and identifying more mitigation than what is required.

The next step is to look at specific site and for some sites do a 30% design plan to support the ESA consultation.

Matt discussed a potential need for letters of support from landowners where the district is proposing mitigation sites.

Dave Fenn suggested the district work with the Conservation District in regards to culvert replacements as they have that information. This shows that improvements have been made for mitigation efforts.

Matt said the District could not get credit for ASRP projects.

Dave discussed the Volunteer Stewardship program.

Dan discussed a piece of land he purchased next to his land that has 7 acres along the river. The County bought a public easement, but he cannot keep people off of it. He feels the County should really compensate landowners better and restrict access to the easements.

Matt discussed frustration the District has been hearing from property owners regarding the length and cost of the project.

Matt discussed the work Kleinschmidt (KA) has been conducting on the hyporheic project. Water gets hot in the summertime, and fish seek cold water refuge. Where there is cold water seep, a larger pocket could be created for a fish refuge during the day when it is hot and then the fish would move further upstream at night. Part of the project was to find cold water seeps. MaryLouise from Kleinschmidt floated down the river taking temperature measurements all over the river and found cold pockets where cold water is seeping out of the hyporheic zone. A scour pool could be created to make it a larger area. Unfortunately, Kleinschmidt also discovered that the cold water seeps have low dissolved oxygen (DO). This is dangerous for the fish.

KA may look at a project where a coldwater tributary comes in.



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Office of the Chehalis Basin update

Edna Fund noted that OCB will hold a special budget meeting on September 30.

She also said that OCB is asking for \$70 million from the state for the next biennium. The Hoquiam group wants to finish their projects and the ask could be \$34 million.

Edna discussed a flyer sponsored by OCB with an online survey that focuses on how the Chehalis Basin flooding has impacted citizens.

Dan Maughan discussed the work the land committee group has been conducting.

Announcements

No announcements.

Adjournment

Maureen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dan seconded the motion. Meeting ended at 9:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lara McRea".

Lara McRea
Interim Clerk, Board of Supervisors