



# Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District

*Ryan Barrett., District Administrator*

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

## Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District Meeting Minutes

**Location:** 351 NW North St., Chehalis, WA 98532  
**Meeting Date:** Tuesday May 21, 2024  
**Meeting Time:** 11:00 a.m.

### Preliminary remarks

Supervisor Brummer made some preliminary remarks about the sudden loss of Dr. John Henricksen, Chair of the Advisory Committee and a longstanding flood advocate in Lewis County. These were to honor his memory.

### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District Supervisor Scott Brummer at 11:04 a.m., Tuesday, May 21, 2024. Those in attendance were:

Scott Brummer	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Supervisor
Lindsey Pollock	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Supervisor
Ryan Barrett	Chehalis River Basin FCZD District Administrator
Matt Dillin	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Project Director
Eric Eisenberg	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Deputy District Administrator
J. Vander Stoep	OCB Member
Edna Fund	OCB Member
Frank Corbin	Vice Chair, Chehalis River Basin FCZD Advisory Group

**Verification of a Quorum:** There is a quorum of three district supervisors. Eric Eisenberg requested that he be allowed to act as Interim Clerk for this meeting in Tammy Martin’s absence. The Supervisors assented.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Approval of minutes:** Supervisor Pollock made a motion to approve the minutes from April 16, 2024 and May 7, 2024. Supervisor Swope seconded. **Motion passed 3-0.**

**Resolution 24-004 Nunc pro Tunc Correction:** Commissioner Pollock moved to approve a corrected Resolution 24-004, which fixed a typo in the title of the resolution previously passed on May 7. Supervisor Swope seconded. **Motion passed 3-0.**

**Resolution 24-005 Appointing Ryan Barrett as Administrator:** Ryan explained that this resolution formally appoints him as District Administrator (rather than interim Administrator). It also clarifies that he has the signature authority they approved when they adopted Lewis County’s procurement policy in a prior resolution this year. Commissioner Pollock moved to approve Resolution 24-005. Supervisor Swope seconded. **Motion passed 3-0.**



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**Resolution 24-006 Accepting an interlocal assignment of storage rights from Lewis County:** Eric noted that this resolution is the other half of the county action at the BOCC business meeting earlier today. The District accepts the County's assignment of flood-related storage rights at the Meskill pit through this interlocal. There will be further discussion of rock core storage later in the agenda as well. Commissioner Pollock moved to approve Resolution 24-006. Supervisor Swope seconded. **Motion passed 3-0.**

**Approval of invoices:** Supervisor Pollock made a motion to approve invoices totaling \$1,267,933.66. Supervisor Swope seconded. Matt described the nature of the work done. **Motion passed 3-0.**

**"Special Projects" update:** Eric updated the Supervisors on the progress of the Sidorski purchase and on the purchase of shipping containers for rock core sample storage. Specifically, the Sidorski purchase is proceeding as previously directed by the Board, and will have the few changes to the purchase and sale agreement they have previously heard about (correction of tax parcels and legal description, Current-use taxation fix, farm-lease fix). Eric requested closing after their next Supervisors meeting in June so that they could use that meeting to approve a check to be submitted at closing. The rock core storage is proceeding, with a formal bid to purchase containers closing May 29 for containers to be delivered in June. If there is a need for one container earlier than mid-June, the Administrator has the authority to purchase and site one consistent with the resolutions previously adopted by the Board.

**District Administrator update:** Ryan updated the Supervisors about personnel. He is working with Lewis County HR for this because the proposal is that it would be a Lewis County employee, who would be reimbursed for FCZD work in accordance with the time they spend on District tasks. The employee likely would be in County Administration or Budget.

**Project Update:** Matt gave a presentation about the revised project description, which the District recently submitted to reviewing agencies. It is a huge milestone for project. It feeds into further SEPA and NEPA review as well as the ESA and Section 106 consultations. This high-level design will get further refined as the process continues. An important Interagency meeting will occur in the next two weeks, in which the reviewing agencies (the Corps and Ecology and others) will hear details about the project and have the chance to have their questions answered. This is an important opportunity to speak to the several new staff at those agencies. A supplemental EIS involving a new round of public comment is likely, which is an unfortunately delay, but it also reflects the important revisions to the project. The mitigation plan is in drafting stage, to be completed in June. OCB staff are requesting budget figures for the next biennium, which Matt, HDR, and Kleinschmidt are working on. We are also updating OCB board members directly, as reflected in the presentation he gave to them recently, which Matt also now is providing to the Supervisors. Please see the presentation.

Jamie Mooney of HDR showed a draft video illustrating and explaining the flow through dam for flood control, seeking comments on the draft. This started as a fish passage video, but it is now more of a general information video for the purpose of the flow-through dam for flood control, and how it uniquely allows both volitional fish passage and flood damage reduction. It will go on a revamped FCZD website that more closely focuses on the flow-through dam. Aiming for mid-June on this, mid-July on website revamp. The Supervisors generally approved of the video as a good public statement for the District and had at most a few tweaks to recommend.



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**Mid-month Check in:** Matt asked the Supervisors if we still need a mid-Month check-in now that the meeting is in the middle of the month. The Supervisors said that with the read-aheads, they have enough information and don't need the additional meeting.

**OCB Update:** Edna Fund updated the Supervisors about her conversations with ASRP personnel about how the flow-through dam is innovative and "outside of the box," after the ASRP personnel said that we needed such thinking in the basin. J Vander Stoep updated the Supervisors about his communication to Jeff Zenk about the SEPA process, as a history on the project. J also recommended that Edna be appointed to a spot on the Advisory Committee following John Henricksen's passing, now that Edna is stepping down from the OCB Board. Edna said she was willing.

Commissioner Pollock provisionally moved to appoint Edna Fund to Dr. John Hendricksen's vacant seat on the Advisory Committee, subject to the bylaws or rules for such appointments—the motion being void if the summary appointment would violate those rules. Commissioner Swope seconded. **The motion passed 3-0.**

**Announcements:** None.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting ended at 11:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Eric Eisenberg, Acting Interim Clerk