

**Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District
Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Lewis County Commissioners Hearing Room
2nd floor of the Historic Courthouse
351 NW North St
Chehalis WA 98532**

Meeting Date: January 23, 2019

Meeting Time: 2:00 pm

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District Supervisor Edna Fund at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 23, 2019. Those in attendance were:

Edna J. Fund	Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District Supervisor
Robert Jackson	Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District Supervisor
Gary Stamper	Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District Supervisor
Erik Martin	Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District Administrator
Lara McRea	Interim Clerk, Board of Supervisors
Jim Waldo	Attorney, Gordon, Thomas, Honeywell, LLC
Betsy Dillin	Senior Engineer, Lewis County Public Works
Josh Metcalf	Lewis County Public Works Director
Bill Brumsickle	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Advisory Committee Member
John Henriksen	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Advisory Committee Member
Bonnie Coumbs	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Advisory Committee Member
Cullen Gatten	DPA, Lewis County Prosecutor's Office
Alex Brown	Chronicle reporter

II. Verification of a Quorum

There is a quorum of three district supervisors.

III. Introductions

Introductions were made.

IV. Approval of Minutes for December 12, 2018

Motion made by Supervisor Jackson to approve the minutes of December 12, 2018. Supervisor Stamper seconded the motion. Motion approved.

V. Public Comment

No public comments.

VI. Invoice approvals

• Payment to Gordon, Thomas, Honeywell for December 2018 Govt Affairs Svcs	\$ 9,000.00
• Payment to LC Public Works, Staff time for December 2018	\$ 1,598.87
• Payment to Lewis County Administration, Staff time for December	\$ 913.21
Total of all expenses:	\$ 11,512.08

Motion made by Supervisor Jackson to approve the invoices totaling \$11,512.08. Supervisor Stamper seconded the motion. Motion approved.

VII. Update on flood damage reduction project-Betsy Dillin and Jim Waldo

Betsy gave an update on the project and said she has been responding to inquiries from the Army Corps of Engineers and the Department of Ecology regarding clarifications to the purpose and need statement.

She also noted that a letter was submitted to both agencies requesting the district be able to utilize the technical expertise of professionals that worked on the dam before the district became involved. Both entities approved the request.

Jim noted that Betsy did the research to substantiate the districts purpose and need.

Jim said that the Department of Ecology will likely make a public announcement on the scope and alternatives in February and the Army Corps will follow with their public announcement in March.

There should also be a response from both agencies on the purpose and need at the end of March.

Jim noted that a number of studies the consultants have been working on will come out this month and next month. They will be available to the agencies doing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

The district asked the Army Corps of Engineers and the Department of Ecology for their view of 2019 and what they would like the district to focus on. This will be built into a work plan and there is state funding set aside money for the budget for this effort.

Erik noted that some of the funds have already been built into the district's budget for 2019.

Supervisor Fund said that she, Vicki Raines as well as others have been visiting legislators to discuss the \$70 plus million budget proposal and legislatures are open to this.

Supervisor Fund said the OCB can advocate for the money and protecting I5 is the selling point.

It was noted that the district would like the future consultant to look at the technical aspects of the levies.

Jim noted the Corps has a dedicated FT employee currently working on the project.

VIII. Good of the Order

Discussion was held about calling the project a dam vs a water retention facility or a run of the river flood control facility. John felt that calling it a dam tended to give a negative connotation.

The group discussed how to educate people about what the dam actually is and how it will function.

Josh discussed doing a schematic or 3D model of the dam. He noted that it can be developed for a relatively low cost. This would give the public a good visual of how the dam would operate.

Erik will add this to the work plan and discuss with the consultant.

Lara noted that the contract with RCO for the Comprehensive Flood Hazard Management Plan had just been approved.

IX. Adjournment

Supervisor Jackson made a motion to adjourn, Supervisor Stamper seconded the motion. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lara McRea
Interim Clerk, Board of Supervisors