



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 Regular Meeting Minutes

Location: Lewis County Commissioners Hearing Room, 2nd floor of the Historic Courthouse, 351 NW North St., Chehalis WA 98532
Meeting Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2023
Meeting Time: 2:30 pm

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District Supervisor Scott Brummer at 2:32 p.m., Wednesday, January 25, 2023. Those in attendance were:

Scott Brummer	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Supervisor
Lindsey Pollock	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Supervisor
Sean Swope	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Supervisor
Erik Martin	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Administrator
Matt Dillin	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Project Manager
Lara McRea	Interim Clerk, Board of Supervisors
Edna Fund	Office of the Chehalis Basin Board member
J. Vander Stoep	Office of the Chehalis Basin Board member
Frank Corbin	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Adv Committee Member
John Henricksen	Chehalis River Basin FCZD Adv Committee Member
Barbara Russell	Lewis County Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
Nic Scott	Lewis County Public Information Specialist
Eric Eisenberg	Lewis County Housing & Infrastructure Specialist
Alisha Alkire	State Auditor's Office
Lisa Carrell	State Auditor's Office
Jim Waldo	Consultant, Chehalis River Basin FCZD
Ron Nilson	Citizen
Michael Smell	Citizen

Verification of a Quorum

There is a quorum of three district supervisors.

Introductions

Introductions were made.

Approval of minutes for December 6, 2022

Supervisor Pollock made a motion to approve the minutes from December 6, 2022. Supervisor Swope seconded the motion.

Motion approved 3-0.



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Public Comment

No comments.

Invoice Approvals

(Grant 17-1373 Chehalis Basin Strategy Participation)

Vendor	Date	Service	Amount
GTH	Dec 2022	Governmental affairs svcs-Dec	10,052.50
LC Administration	Dec 2022	Staff time Martin/McRea-Dec	1,381.27
HDR Engineering	Dec 2022	Eng Svcs for AMM 11.27-12.31.22	69,370.31
HDR Engineering	Dec 2022	Enviro Svcs 11.27-12.25.22	31,971.90
Kleinschmidt	Dec 2022	Eng Svcs Proj 11.26-12.30.22	97,239.77
Stoel Rives LLP	Dec 2022	Prof Svcs through 12.31.22	3,977.00
Dillin Engineering	Dec 2022	Prof Eng Svcs Project Mgr 12.1-12.31.22	7,098.00
Joseph B Walker	Dec 2022	Professional Svcs 12.14-1.13.23	4,000.00
WA St. Auditor	Dec 2022	Accountability Audit 2018-2021	406.35
		TOTAL ALL EXPENSES:	225,497.10

(Grant .09 Distressed Counties Funding)

Vendor	Date	Service	Amount
HDR Communications	Dec 2022	Comm support 11.27-12.31.22	5,740.37
		TOTAL ALL EXPENSES:	5,740.37

Grand Total of all expenses: \$231,237.47

Erik Martin and Matt Dillin gave a briefing of the expenditures. The group discussed the communications work being done by HDR.

Motion made by Supervisor Swope to approve the invoices totaling \$231,237.47. Supervisor Pollock seconded the motion.

Motion approved 3-0.

SAO Exit Conference – Alisha Alkire, State Auditor’s Office

Lisa Carrell and Alisha Alkire from the Washington State Auditor’s Office (SAO) discussed the 2018-2021 audit of the flood control zone district.

Alisha said the SAO looked at accounts payable, compliance with state grants, procurement of professional services, open public meetings and the overall financial position. In those selected areas, the district complied in all material respects, with applicable state laws, regulations, and its own policies and provided adequate controls over the safeguarding of public resources.



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Alisha thanked the district staff for providing information in a timely manner.

Lisa discussed the audit costs and noted the next audit will be conducted in 2025.

Project Update

Matt Dillin reported the consultants are working on minimization alignments. The original alignment of the structure directly impacted a sensitive cultural resource. HDR is currently looking at an alignment downstream and upstream of the original alignment. The early results are showing positive so far. One of the benefits of the minimization alignments the district was hoping to find is that the district could have an open channel fish passage during construction, which was a significant impact. Meetings have been held with WDFW on the conceptual preliminary design on having an open channel fish passage. Both the downstream and upstream designs are looking feasible to allow for the open channel fish passage.

Geotechnical data is currently being collected for the two alignments. HDR has been out in the field a couple of times and they do not anticipate any major concern when the drilling information comes back.

The district has had some coordination with National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and the interactions have been positive.

The district has also been having monthly meetings with the Dept. of Ecology and the Army Corps of Engineers staff and their technical review experts. They have responded with good feedback on the mitigation plan and vegetation management plan. They have asked for more quantitative detail information and the district will need to do a higher level of detail design to answer those questions.

Matt said that OCB has agreed to give the district more funds in the next biennium to start working on a more detailed design.

The district also received an extra \$3 million for this biennium to start the more detailed investigation.

Matt also said the district has received some good feedback from the community. The district's wetland specialist came out a few weeks ago to visit his top 5-wetland mitigation sites.

The next phase of the mitigation plan is to take it from the desktop to feet on the ground to see what is on the properties. This requires more community outreach to access the properties. Out of the five properties, four landowners agreed to let the wetland specialist on their property.

Erik said the district has been slotted for \$20 million that OCB has asked the legislature for. The district is hopeful that the funding will be approved. That will allow the district to go to the level of design that is needed to show how the fish passage will work for the project.

Edna Fund noted that due to other requests, OCB opted to \$73 million in their request due to the legislature.

OCB Update

Erik reported the land committee had a meeting last week at the Great Wolf Lodge and presented some different alternatives to flooding.

Supervisor Brummer said the options are suitable and can be effective options in conjunction with the flood control structure. He does not feel they will be adequate as standalone options to control flooding. He also noted the price tag is very expensive.



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J. said the high level of work the committee did was very good. He noted that some members that attended were focused on the Skookumchuck River. He further discussed the meeting.

Erik noted that Jim Kramer, who was the OCB facilitator, has retired.

Announcements

No announcements.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lara McRea
Interim Clerk