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

Lewis County Commissioners Meeting Room 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Historic Courthouse 351 NW North St Chehalis WA 98532

Meeting Date: February 13, 2020 Meeting Time: 8:00 am

# I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by John Henricksen at 8:15 a.m., Thursday, February 13, 2020. Those in attendance were:

Erik Martin Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District Administrator

Lara McRea Interim Clerk, Board of Supervisors

Bill Brumsickle

Chehalis River Basin FCZD Advisory Committee Member

Frank Corbin Citizen

Absent:

Bonnie Coumbs

Chehalis River Basin FCZD Advisory Committee Member

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## II. Approval of Minutes for October 10, 2019

Dave made a motion to approve the minutes of October 10, 2019. Bill seconded the motion. Motion approved.

### III. CFHMP Phase 2

The first kickoff meeting for phase 2 of the CFHMP is scheduled for February 25, 10:00 am.

#### IV. Project update

Erik reported that the district is prepping for the release of the state Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that comes out on February 27. This is the State Environmental Policy Act document. The National Environmental Policy Act document is set to come out in September of this year.

Erik discussed the economic impacts presentation that Matt Matayoshi presented to the supervisors the day before.

He noted that taking no action will lead to \$3.5 billing impact in damages. The proposed water retention facility could reduce damages by an estimated \$241 million per 100 year flood event.

Matt will be publishing the final report before the EIS comes out and the costs estimates may change in that final document.

John encouraged the group to attend the EIS public meeting on March 31 and April 2.

#### V. <u>Engaging in the public SEPA and NEPA processes</u>

Erik noted he has had conversations with the Department of Ecology and they noted there would be significant impacts noted in the EIS.

It's possible impacts to fish may be worse than originally thought and the consultants may need to weigh in.

The group discussed climate change, the impacts and where you can control the variables.

The district is formulating communications plans and there is a need to separate climate change from the project to help identify impact of that project that can be mitigated.

Erik stressed the importance of citizens attending the public hearings that own businesses and farms. These people's stories need to be heard about how flooding has affected them. They also need to give their opinions on the proposed project.

Erik asked the group to please encourage citizens to comment and attend the public meetings.

## VI. Review of 2020 budget amendment

Lara noted there will be a budget amendment hearing on March 25 at 2:30. The amendment increases revenues and expenditures by \$629,847. There is approx. \$100k in rollover from 2019 and RCO has granted the district \$520k for work on the EIS response.

## VII. Good of the Order

Diane Butorac from the Department of Ecology will be doing a formal presentation of the draft EIS to the supervisors' on Tuesday, March 10.

Erik advised the group to consider holding a workshop to review the document and decide how they would like to comment to supervisors or to the Department of Ecology.

The group decided to use the March 12 meeting as an extended workshop meeting.

#### VIII. Adjournment

Chuck made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dave seconded the motion. Meeting ended at 8:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lara McRea

Interim Clerk, Board of Supervisors