

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 July 16, 2024

Meeting Time: 11:30 a.m.

## **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District Supervisor Scott Brummer at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, July 16, 2024. Those in attendance were:

Scott Brummer Chehalis River Basin FCZD Supervisor Chair Lindsey Pollock Chehalis River Basin FCZD Supervisor Sean Swope Chehalis River Basin FCZD Supervisor

Ryan Barrett Chehalis River Basin FCZD District Administrator

Eric Eisenberg Chehalis River Basin FCZD Deputy District Administrator

Tammy Martin Chehalis River Basin FCZD Interim Clerk

Edna Fund Chair, Chehalis River Basin FCZD Advisory Group

**Verification of a Quorum:** There is a quorum of three district supervisors.

Public Comment: None.

**Approval of minutes:** Supervisor Pollock made a motion to approve the minutes from June 18 & July 2, 2024. Supervisor Swope seconded. **Motion passed 3-0.** 

**Approval of invoices:** Eric Eisenberg provided information about the invoices to be approved. Supervisor Pollock made a motion to approve invoices totaling \$58,937.27 for contract 23-1781. Supervisor Swope seconded. **Motion passed 3-0.** 

"Special Projects" update: Eric Eisenberg informed the Supervisors it would be more than likely required to pay the compensating tax for the parcel to be removed from the agricultural exemption program. An official decision by the Department of Revenue still has not been received. Eric informed the Board that the realtor had offered to help pay the tax to close the sale. Supervisor Swope was concerned about accepting funds from the realtor. It was agreed to not accept the realtor paying for any funds associated with the closing of 1532 Ceres Hill Rd. Chehalis.

Supervisor Pollock made a motion to authorize the District Administrator Ryan Barrett to communicate back to the seller to accept the trust paying \$12,000 of the compensating tax and the buyer would pay the remainder of the compensating tax by adding to the note. The Board also approves District Administrator



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Ryan Barrett signing for the completion of the Sidorski property. Supervisor Swope seconded. **Motion passed 3-0.** 

Eric suggested paying for taxes under protest to preserve the right to appeal the compensating tax. Alternatively, a refund procedure might be possible without paying under protest, but he did not know enough about the refund chapter to be sure if or how this would work.

Eric has been looking into insurance options for the Chehalis River Basin FCZD. He would brief the Board as soon as he has a recommendation.

**District Administrator update:** Ryan updated the Supervisors about the different ways the project will be presented at the meeting next week. Ryan also said core sampling has been proceeding as normal.

Eric noted the contract with Charise Gaffney has been confirmed and signed.

Supervisor Swope addressed the Skookumchuck Dam letter to the WDFW. It is a FERC exempt dam. Eric doesn't believe this will have any further impact. There wasn't input from the City of Centralia and the City of Chehalis. Eric said this current petition will not proceed any further.

**OCB Update:** Supervisor Brummer attended his first meeting. He said the CRBFCZD will be presented at the August meeting.

Announcements: None.

The meeting ended at 11:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Tammy Martin, Interim Clerk