

Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority

9:00 A.M. Phone Meeting July 19, 2018 - Meeting Notes

Board Members Present: Brian Shay, City of Hoquiam; Frank Chestnut, City of Cosmopolis; Edna Fund, Lewis County Commissioner; Lonnie Willey, Town of Pe Ell; Trent Lougheed, City of Chehalis; Alan Vanell, Town of Bucoda; Ron Averill, City of Centralia; Dan Wood, City of Montesano; Bud Blake, Thurston County Commissioner; Kris Koski, City of Aberdeen.

Board Members Absent: Vickie Raines, Grays Harbor County Commissioner; Richard Armstrong, City of Oakville; Jim Haslett, City of Napavine.

Others Present: Lee Napier, Lewis County Community Development Director; Dave Curtis, WEST Consultants; Steve Schmitz, KPFF; Tom Kollasch, Grays Harbor County Conservation District

Handouts/Materials Used:

- Agenda
- Meeting Notes from May 2018
- See https://www.ezview.wa.gov/site/alias_1492/34798/meetings.aspx#July2018

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Fund called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

2. Introductions

Self-introductions were made as participants phoned in.

3. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented by consensus.

4. Approval of May 2018 Meeting Notes

The meeting notes were approved as presented by consensus.

5. Update - 2019-2021 Local Projects Recruitment Process

Scott reported that a staff report regarding the local project recruitment process had been posted to the EZview site. The requests for funding came to \$10 million with \$7.8 million for constructions projects and \$2.4 million for plans and studies. There is a link to a map on EZview that has icons that can be clicked for details on each project.

The Local Projects group met on July 10 to review the proposals and to make sure they were understood. Scott will follow up with sponsors. Scott noted that additional members have been added to that group and those names can be seen on page 2 of the staff memo.

On July 26 the projects group will meet to evaluate scores; they will go to the Chehalis Basin Board on September 6 and back to the Flood Authority for the meeting on September 20. On October 4 the Board will make its final decision.

The Board is looking for better understanding of the projects for the 2019-2021 biennium and for all projects since 2012. Scott is compiling the information into a single table that would delineate which projects have been funded, completed, the cost of each, cost share, etc.

The last page of the staff report is a table that shows the 17 projects by sponsor and the project.

6. Update – Outreach

Scott reported he and Steve Mansfield (Lewis County Emergency Management) will meet with KELA Radio in October in anticipation of the 2018-19 flood season. Purpose of the radio interview will be to bring attention to the Flood Warning system as an important first line of defense/flood awareness for citizens and community members. Scott also reported he and Dave Curtis will participate in Lewis County's November annual flood preparedness meeting (11/01/2018).

7. Update – Flood Warning System

Scott met with the owners of the One Rain system in Lewis County recently. They explained some new capabilities for the system which is placing web cams on the rain gages. They would be identified by numbers that can be looked at on the website. He reported that Dave Curtis can pilot a web cam project in the Chehalis Basin. Currently on EZview is a link that shows what the web cam capability looks like.

Dave Curtis stated this system is in the early stages. Scott Mercer is in charge of the WSDOT web cam and is a good contact. That system is a much larger scale than for the Flood Authority but he offered some advice. Cameras would cost from \$2,000 to \$4,000 each. Images can be stored and the cameras can schedule views and directions in which to look. The cameras offer a 360 degree arc. At this stage it looks doable and is a nice feature that could potentially be added to the flood warning site.

8. Public Comment

Tom Kollasch stated the gages at Satsop have been a topic of conversation with residents and asked if this will be discussed. Scott stated the project will be completed in August. There is a draft website that is being refined and he is working with USGS to present side-by-side comparisons of the old and the new so the changes can be seen. There is helpful information and he is trying to forestall confusion from datum changes.

9. Financial Report

Lee stated that at the end of May the expenses totaled \$10,107.07; for June they were \$22,202.16.

Page 2 of the June report shows an approved PSA for Jim Kramer. This needs to be rescinded but until the \$84,000 can be reallocated she is holding off on rescinding.

The next note is the supplement to the PSA with WEST and these funds should be covered by RCO. Lee needs confirmation and input about when the \$84,000 will be re-appropriated. Ron suggested trading funds. Lee stated the \$8625 paid to WEST could be deducted from Jim Kramer's funding and the balance could be re-appropriated. Ron made the motion to do so; Frank seconded. There was consensus. Ron stated the Executive Committee can make a recommendation for the balance, possibly to supplement Scott or French and Associates. This will be discussed at a special meeting to be announced.

Lee stated at the February meeting there was a discussion about \$10,000 for Lewis County Public Works and the Lewis County Flood Control District to get a comprehensive plan started. She understood that the Projects Committee recommended providing that seed money; however there is nothing shown in the financials confirming that. Scott stated the money will be available and he will follow up to ensure the project is funded.

10. Reports

a. Chair's Report

Edna reported that Andrea McNamara-Doyle is quickly stepping into the challenges of her new job with the Office of Chehalis Basin. She would like to attend a Flood Authority meeting; Scott will invite her to the special meeting.

Bob Thomas with the Army Corps of Engineers is moving ahead with the EIS and asked if the Flood Authority could help get the word out for special meetings in the Basin. He would like a good showing for those meetings.

b. Member Reports

Centralia – Ron stated the China Creek project is in progress with work being done to change the meander. New talks are scheduled with the Chehalis Tribe for their possible help with planning.

Aberdeen – Kris stated the design on the North Shore levee is moving along. There will be an alignment tour with legislators, mayors, the Corps and others next week. Fry Creek design is moving along and looking at how to jump start the next phase of that project.

Cosmopolis – Frank stated the Mill Creek dam should be done by the end of July. It still needs back-filling, a final re-shaping of the pond and foot trails need to be re-graded. In August there will be a re-opening party.

Montesano – Dan stated the riverbanks at the wastewater treatment plant need to be reconfigured and that is going out for bid.

c. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

d. State Team Report

There was no State Team report.

11. Confirm Next Regular Meeting

The next regular meeting will be on September 20, 2018 in Montesano. A special meeting date is to be determined.