

Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority
12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.
Phone Meeting
December 19, 2019 - Meeting Notes

Board Members Present: Ron Averill, City of Centralia; Edna Fund, Lewis County Commissioner; Brian Shay, City of Hoquiam; Vickie Raines, Grays Harbor County Commissioner; Steve Lyle, Town of Bucoda; Tye Menser, Thurston County Commissioner; Dee Anne Shaw, City of Aberdeen; Lonnie Willey, Town of Pe Ell; Darrin Raines, City of Cosmopolis

Board Members Absent: Dan Wood, City of Montesano; Richard Armstrong, City of Oakville; Trent Loughheed, City of Chehalis

Others Present: Graham Gowing, Pat Anderson, Lewis County; Chrissy Bailey, Office of Chehalis Basin

Handouts/Materials Used:

- Agenda
- Meeting Notes from July 18, 2019
- Financial Reports, July through November 2019
- See https://www.ezview.wa.gov/site/alias_1492/34798/meetings.aspx#December2019

1. Call to Order

Chair Raines called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

2. Introductions

Members introduced themselves as they called in.

3. Approval of Agenda

There were no corrections to the agenda. One change was to move Chrissy Bailey's report up as she had another meeting to attend. There was consensus to approve with this change.

4. Approval of July 18, 2019 Meeting Notes

There were no additions or corrections to the meeting notes and approval was by consensus.

5. Approval of 11.01.2019 Executive Action re: Flood Warning System 2020 Annual Costs

Scott reported that the 2020 flood warning costs would be about \$70,000 - \$10,000 over last year because of the two new gages in Centralia. The installation and calibration costs of those gages were spread over a 2-year period and by the middle of 2020, they will fall off. The allocations for each county will remain the same: Grays Harbor County 22%; Lewis County 64%; Thurston County 14%.

Chair Raines asked if there was consensus for these costs. There was consensus.

6. Presentation/Update: CFAR, Chrissy Bailey, Office of Chehalis Basin

Chrissy gave a brief overview of the Community Flood Assistance and Resilience (CFAR) program and stated there would be more details available at the January meeting. The document reminds what the CFAR program is intended to do, and that statement comes from the program goals that were outlined for the Chehalis Basin Board this past summer. It recognizes what jurisdictions have done, such as flood vents, elevating homes, etc. The Board is working with French and basin local governments who have

developed similar programs to get input regarding priorities from implementing their programs, and put together a framework with CFAR programs.

Chrissy explained this is an initial program and the way the program works will be refined. On December 17, the draft went to Andrea McNamara-Doyle and it received good feedback on eligible projects, what the funding is used for, administrative procedures and more. The next step is to meet with the tribes and jurisdictions to get feedback on the program outline and input on remaining issues to be resolved, hopefully the second or third week in January. Options for the Board to consider will probably be in the March/April timeframe. Defining the scope, scale and cost will be the fall of 2020.

7. Update: Local Projects

Scott reported there are eight projects to move forward in the 2019-2021 biennium. He summarized the projects and stated the Chehalis Flood Storage and Habitat Enhancement Plan and Grays Harbor County Keys Road Flood Protection Project will fund early next year.

8. Update: Flood Warning System

Scott reminded members of the friendly wager between counties to see which county could generate the most sign-ups for the Flood Warning System email alert. There is still time to solicit sign-ups; the "contest" goes through January 2020. The goal is 1,500 new sign-ups (there were 1,037 last year).

9. Update: Nominations Process for 2020 Flood Authority Positions

Scott stated that nominations for Chair and Vice Chair will occur at the January 23, 2020 Flood Authority meeting. He will send out an email with a nominations form and the nominations process and asked that he receive all nominations by January 16, 2020.

10. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

11. Financial Reports

Graham gave the financial reports in Lee's absence. Expenditures for the period ending:

- 7-31-2019 were \$9,714.28
- 8-31-2019 were \$10,528.34
- 9-30-2019 were \$8,806.98
- 10-31-2019 were \$8,564.83
- 11-30-2019 were \$8,065.59

Graham stated that the OCB has been working, and continues to work with RCO on agreements for the current biennium. A time extension through June 30, 2021 has been signed but no additional funding has been granted. The unencumbered funds through the end of November are \$25,207.59. Without additional funding, a contract extension for Scott cannot be offered. Scott's contract ends December 31, 2019. Once additional funds are agreed upon, a contract extension for Scott to continue work for the Flood Authority will be able to be offered.

12. Reports

a. Chair's Report

No report.

b. Member Reports

Commissioner Fund stated she had seen Alan Vanell at a restaurant recently. He sends his regards to the Flood Authority. She also informed the members that a 10-year old girl from Doty had the honor of lighting the Christmas tree in Olympia.

c. Correspondence

There was no correspondence

d. State Team Report

There was no State Team report

13. Confirm next regular meeting

The next meeting will be on January 23, 2020 in Thurston County from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Please mark your calendars. This meeting is on a different day than normal, and with different hours than normal.

The meeting adjourned at 12:56 p.m.