

## Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority

**Telephone Meeting 9:00 A.M.**

**June 15, 2017 - Meeting Notes**

**Board Members Present:** Trent Lougheed, City of Chehalis; Edna Fund, Lewis County Commissioner; Ron Averill, City of Centralia; J. Vander Stoep, Town of Pe Ell; Brian Shay, City of Hoquiam; Kris Koski, City of Aberdeen; Frank Chestnut, City of Cosmopolis; Alan Vanell, Town of Bucoda; Vickie Raines, Grays Harbor County Commissioner; Richard Armstrong, City of Oakville; Bud Blake, Thurston County Commissioner.

**Board Members Absent:** Jim Haslett, City of Napavine; Dan Wood, City of Montesano

**Others Present:** Jim Kramer, Facilitator; Scott Boettcher, Staff; Dave Curtis, WEST Consultants; Lee Napier, Lewis County Community Development Director; Graham Perednia, Chronicle; Tom Clingman, AQEA; Jessica Hausman, Department of Ecology; Mike Olden, City of Montesano; Matt Kastberg, Parametrix; Rob Hill, City of Centralia; Dale Lewis, Congresswoman Herrera-Beutler; Henry Hu, WEST Consultants; Steve Schmidt, KPFF; Brandon Carman, Grays Harbor Conservation District; Mark Mobbs, Quinault Indian Nation; Stu Trefry, WSCC

Handouts/Materials Used:

- Agenda
- Meeting Notes from May 18, 2017
- Terms for Appointed OCB Board Members
- Scopes of Work and Contracts for 2017-2019
- Chehalis Basin Gage Inventory Study
- Montesano WWTP
- Local Projects Update
- Financial Report
- See [https://www.ezview.wa.gov/site/alias\\_1492/34798/meetings.aspx#June2017](https://www.ezview.wa.gov/site/alias_1492/34798/meetings.aspx#June2017)

### **1. Call to Order**

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

### **2. Introductions**

Introductions were made as attendees telephoned into the meeting.

### **3. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved by consensus.

### **4. Approval of Meeting Notes**

Changes to the meeting notes included: Others Present: Chrissy Bailey rather than Vickie Bailey; Page 3, Item 6, paragraph 3: should read PEIS, not DEIS; Item 8, 3<sup>rd</sup> line: Budget total should read \$50 million from State and \$10 from the federal government. The meeting notes were approved with changes.

### **5. Terms for Chehalis Basin Board Members appointed by Flood Authority**

Mr. Boettcher stated the representatives appointed to the Office of Chehalis Basin included Vickie Raines, Edna Fund and Jay Gordon. Still outstanding was the duration of their first term, beginning on July 1. The appointments have staggered terms and the appointees discussed this and recommended that the two commissioners, Vickie Raines and Edna Fund, serve the 3-year terms, and Jay Gordon serve the initial 2-year term. Mr. Kramer asked if there were objections to this recommendation. There were none and the terms were approved by consensus.

#### **6. Scopes of Work and Contracts for 2017-2019**

Mr. Boettcher stated approval of the scopes of work and contracts are required by the Flood Authority so the Board of County Commissioners can approve them. Mr. Averill stated he did not see WEST Consultants in the memo and asked if their obligations would be completed by the end of this biennium. Mr. Boettcher stated they would be completed by the end of the fiscal year and that gage maintenance is not included in this bucket of money. The scopes of work and contracts were approved by consensus.

#### **7. Update on Chehalis Basin Gage Inventory/Study**

Dave Curtis, WEST Consultants, presented a PowerPoint (see [https://www.ezview.wa.gov/Portals/\\_1492/images/Chehalis%20River%20Basin%20Gage%20Inventory%20Update\(1\).pdf](https://www.ezview.wa.gov/Portals/_1492/images/Chehalis%20River%20Basin%20Gage%20Inventory%20Update(1).pdf)). He stated ideally there should be consistency amongst all stream gages; there are two NWS gages that are to be transitioned to the Flood Authority. The chart in the PowerPoint shows existing gages; ten gages are presently owned by the Flood Authority. WEST is looking at the Basin and surrounding areas to see what kinds of sensors are out there and are working today. Some sensors are privately owned and while those may not be sophisticated they all have information that may be relevant to the studies in the area.

Currently WEST has identified over 4,000 sensors in the study area but expect that the number will be closer to 7,500 when the study is complete.

Conclusions include more automated gages; partial conversion of gage datum; NWS rating curve for the Chehalis River at Centralia and for the Skookumchuck at Centralia.

Mr. Boettcher stated once WEST finalizes the study the technical folks will go through it. Mr. Curtis stated the data base has gone out to a group and he has already gotten some feedback.

#### **8. Update on Montesano Wastewater Treatment Plant**

Matt Kastberg stated he is the Project Manager on this project. He informed the group that the Wynoochee River is moving towards the plant and threatened to either breach it or creating an island around the plant. In 2016 the city hired Parametrix for a study; this spring more options were explored. The PowerPoint explained the options (see [https://www.ezview.wa.gov/Portals/\\_1492/images/8%20wwtp%20presentation%20061317.pdf](https://www.ezview.wa.gov/Portals/_1492/images/8%20wwtp%20presentation%20061317.pdf)).

Next steps for the project include evaluating the relocation of the plant, a report to evaluate the existing site and a discussion of options.

Mr. Kramer asked if the Tribes have been invited to the regulatory meeting. Mr. Kastberg stated the QIN had been invited but it was unknown if they responded. Mr. Boettcher stated the QIN and the Mayor have been having conversations. Mr. Kramer stated the City should contact the Chehalis Tribe, also.

### **9. Update on Local Projects**

Mr. Boettcher stated he was pleased to report that the invoicing has been done promptly. The Projects Committee met to talk about its role with the new Office of Chehalis Basin and that conversation will continue. The role will not change a lot; though a greater level of coordination will be necessitated for 2017-2019.

There is a need to look at the list for priority projects. These were identified in August and September of 2016 and some of those projects might have changed.

There are two action items: 1 – The capital budget can be used to fund the Version 2 gages and Lewis County would like the Flood Authority to reaffirm to use 2015-2017 funds for those upgrades; and 2 – funding for the demolition of the facility in the floodway needs to be increased to \$130,000 because of the discovery of unanticipated waste storage tank volumes in the building that need disposal. Mr. Boettcher needs to look elsewhere for that resource.

Mr. Kramer asked if there was consensus to look for additional funding. There were no objections. Both actions were approved by consensus.

### **10. Update on Outreach**

Mr. Boettcher, Mr. Wood and Commissioner Fund met with the Chronicle to talk about the 10-year anniversary of the 2007 flood. The Chronicle had also been thinking about doing a series on this topic in the fall. The Chronicle and the Flood Authority can help each other. There was an idea of having TVW produce a special to commemorate this event and it will be discussed with the Board.

### **11. Financial Report**

Ms. Napier asked for clarification on agreement for Lewis County to work with RCO to execute the grants that were discussed earlier. Mr. Kramer asked if there were any objections; there were none and so it passed by consensus.

Ms. Napier stated there is no salary expenditures shown for the period of May 1 through May 31. The Gage Study expenditures were \$39,358.74. She stated that next month the bottom line would reflect the new resolutions as just directed.

### **12. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

### **13. Reports**

Chair Raines asked that the reports be deferred to the next meeting in the absence of time.

### **14. Confirm Next Regular Meeting**

The next meeting will be on July 20, most likely a conference call. Mr. Vander Stoep asked if there could be an update on the Chehalis Basin Process and the continuing fish and flood effort.

The meeting adjourned at 9:59 a.m.