



**10:00 AM Virtual Meeting**

**May 16, 2024 - Meeting Notes**

<b>Flood Authority Members Present</b>			
<b>Representative</b>	<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Representative</b>	<b>Jurisdiction</b>
Edna Fund	Lewis County	Ron Averill	Centralia
Brian Shay	Hoquiam	Vickie Raines	Grays Harbor County
Steven Lyle	Bucoda	Mike Olden	Montesano
Tony Ketchum	Chehalis	Frank Chestnut	Cosmopolis
Lonnie Wiley	Pe Ell	Tye Menser	Thurston County
Rick Sangder	Aberdeen		

<b>Flood Authority Members Absent</b>			
<b>Representative</b>	<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Representative</b>	<b>Jurisdiction</b>
Duane Crouse	Napavine	Richard Armstrong	Oakville

<b>Staff Members Present</b>			
Scott Boettcher	Erika Britney	Lee Napier	Katie Johnson
Katrina Sukola			

<b>Others Present</b>			
Darrin Raines, former Cosmopolis	J. Vander Stoep	Kat Dickey	Ken Ghalambor
Larry Karpack (WSE)	Nat Kale, Office of Chehalis Basin	Scott Brummer	

**Meeting Materials:**

[https://www.ezview.wa.gov/site/alias\\_1492/34798/meetings.aspx#May%202024](https://www.ezview.wa.gov/site/alias_1492/34798/meetings.aspx#May%202024)

**1. Call to Order**

Vickie Raines, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05am. Staff and Member introductions were made.

## **2. Determination of Quorum**

Nine Flood Authority members were present; there was a quorum.

## **3. Approval of May 16, 2024, Agenda**

A motion was made to approve the agenda for the May 16, 2024, meeting. The meeting agenda was approved.

## **4. Approval of March 21, 2024, Meeting Notes**

A motion was made to approve the meeting notes from March 21, 2024. The meeting notes were approved.

## **5. Appointment of 2024-28 CBB Positions**

There were two applications received for the two open Chehalis Basin Board (CBB) positions.

- Vickie Raines introduced herself as a candidate and explained her desire and interest as an applicant for one of the CBB positions.
- Scott Brummer introduced himself as a candidate and expressed his experience and benefits of being an applicant for one of the CBB positions.

Flood Authority members privately voted on the CBB applicants through Erika's email poll. Unanimously, the members voted Vicki Raines for position 1 and Scott Brummer for position 2 for the CBB.

## **6. Recognition of Service**

Lee Napier was recognized for her years of service ahead of her retirement at the end of May.

Various members shared their appreciation and gratitude for Lee Napier's tremendous service. See here

<https://www.ezview.wa.gov/Portals/1492/images/Appreciation%20Lee%20Napier%205-16-2024.pdf>.

## **7. Overview of 2025-27 Local Projects Proposals**

There was a total of six projects submitted, plus one project not executed in the previous biennium (Lewis County's South Fork/Boistfort Project), for a total of seven proposed projects. There are four pump station construction projects: two in Hoquiam; and two in Aberdeen. These projects will be shovel-ready when funding is available. There were also three plan/study/design projects in Hoquiam, Centralia, and Lewis County. See staff memo here

<https://www.ezview.wa.gov/Portals/1492/images/SBB%20--%20Staff%20Memo%20--%202025-27%20Local%20Project%20Recruitment%20Memo.pdf>.

The Local Projects prioritization process will run through August 2024. There will be two meetings in June and July for the expanded local projects review team. There will be an update at the next Flood Authority from the Projects Committee.

Mike Olden mentioned that Montesano's previous projects that were not funded had not been added to the project list. The members decided to add those projects to the list.

## **8. Status of Current Local Projects**

Katrina presented an update on Contract Modifications and Adjustments (see here <https://www.ezview.wa.gov/Portals/1492/images/Local%20Projects%20Update%205-15-2024.pdf>). Aberdeen had a change to the scope for the Aberdeen pump stations. The Joint Surface Water Management Comp Plan is in the process to transfer from Cosmopolis to Hoquiam including closing out outstanding bills. Hoquiam closed their 10<sup>th</sup> St pump station project. Lewis County had the RCO amendment for the Skookumchuck gage approved in front of the BOCC on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

## **9. Skookumchuck Gage, Status, and Site Visit**

Scott shared an update for the Skookumchuck gage. See here [https://www.ezview.wa.gov/Portals/1492/images/Staff%20Memo%20-%20Skookumchuck%205-15-2024\(1\).pdf](https://www.ezview.wa.gov/Portals/1492/images/Staff%20Memo%20-%20Skookumchuck%205-15-2024(1).pdf). With the new gage equipment, the information will be more accurate and reliable. The new gage is now in operation. OCB is arranging a tour with legislators in September 2024. With the permission of the members, Scott will ask the Office of CB to add the Flood Authority members to the discussion.

## **10. Chehalis Basin Board (Jay Gordon).**

The Office of CB is making progress with the proposed flood retention facility analysis above Pe Ell, i.e., with engineering and design of the flood control structure. The proposed plan will lessen environmental impacts. New construction over the river will not obstruct the river, nor adversely affect fish.

Transition has started from RCO to Department of Ecology, as well discussions are underway about ASRP spending allotted funds.

## **11. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

## **12. Financial Report(s)**

Lee Napier from Lewis County Community Development reported expenditures for the months of March and April. All payment of claims via warrants issued by the Lewis County Auditor's Office are entered into Board of County Commissioners' meeting minutes in compliance with the Washington State Auditors, Office Budgeting, Accounting, and Reporting system manual requirements.

- Expenditures for March were \$6,359.25 for salaries and wages for Lewis County staff, including consulting services for SBGH. No contracts were executed during this period.
- Expenditures for April were \$12,832.62 for salaries and wages for Lewis County, including consulting services for SBGH. No other expenditures during this time.

## **13. Reports**

**a. Chair's Report** - None

**b. Members Reports** – Edna Fund shared Deloris Lee and Dr. John Hendrickson passed away this year. Their involvement with Flood Authority was noted and appreciated by the members.

Frank expressed his thanks to Brian Shay for his help with the storm water issue and the Mill Creek multi-objective plan.

**c. Correspondence** – Edna Fund's memo was sent to the members.

## **14. Confirm Next Regular Meeting, Topics, and Location**

Scott Boettcher mentioned for the members to plan for September 2024 to be an in-person meeting. It will be further discussed at the next meeting.

## **15. Next meeting is July 18, 2024, on TEAMS**

The next meeting is a virtual meeting on Microsoft Teams on July 18, 2024.

Adjournment was at 11:44 AM.