



10:00 AM Virtual Meeting

May 15, 2025 - Meeting Notes

Flood Authority Members Present			
Representative	Jurisdiction	Representative	Jurisdiction
Rick Sangder	Aberdeen	Mike Olden	Montesano
Steven Lyle	Bucoda	J. Vander Stoep	Pe Ell
Ron Averill	Centralia	Wayne Fournier	Thurston County
Brian Shay	Hoquiam	Edna Fund	Lewis County

Flood Authority Members Absent			
Duane Crouse	Napavine	Tony Ketchum	Chehalis
Richard Armstrong	Oakville	Kim Skinner	Cosmopolis
Lonnie Willey	Pe Ell	Vickie Raines	Grays Harbor County

Staff Members Present			
Scott Boettcher	Kylie Peckham	Sarah Hensley	Katrina Sukola

Others Present			
Kat Dickey, OCB	Nat Kale, OCB	Robin Vance	Deena Resnick, OCB

Meeting Materials:

https://www.ezview.wa.gov/site/alias_1492/44013/meetings.aspx#May%202025

1. Call to Order

Edna Fund called the meeting to order at 10:20am. Staff and Member introductions were made.

2. Determination of Quorum

Eight members were present; there was a quorum.

3. Approval of May 15, 2025, Agenda

A motion was made to approve the agenda for the May 15, 2025, meeting. The meeting agenda was approved.

4. Approval of Approval of March 20, 2025, Meeting Notes

A motion was made to approve the meeting notes from March 20, 2025. The meeting notes were approved.

5. 2025-27 Flood Authority Staffing Support

Scott Boettcher gave an update on the staffing report that is done every two years. Scott noted Lewis County works in many capacities. One capacity is as fiscal agent for the Flood Authority. Lewis County has fulfilled this role since the inception of the Flood Authority in 2008. As fiscal agent, Lewis County acts at the direction of the Flood Authority on multiple matters of interest and relevance to the Flood Authority, including Flood Warning System, Local Projects, Flood Authority staffing and facilitation, information inventories and analyses, intergovernmental agreements, State Auditor's Office accountability audits, and more. Scott recommended keeping Lewis County as fiscal agent and directing Lewis County to implement specific identified next steps to ensure continuity of operations.. Ron moved to approve; Brian Shay seconded. Motion was unanimously approved by Flood Authority members.

See the EZ View website for the presentation.

6. Local Projects (Projects and Budget)

Katrina Sukola gave an update on local projects. The transition from RCO's PRISM to Ecology's EAGL system have been completed for Wave 1 projects. OCB Project Specialists worked with project sponsors to create new Ecology/OCB funding agreements. Sponsors and Ecology/OCB will sign the new funding agreement to activate the Project in EAGL. RCO funding agreements will remain active during the transition for project sponsors to bill for expenses prior to transferring the project to Ecology/OCB. Projects that will be completed before 2025 will continue to be managed by RCO in PRISM. All new projects will be managed by Ecology/OCB. Brian wanted to thank Katrina for all of her hard work. Five have transferred to OCB and two are set to transfer July 1.

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7. Flood Warning System

Scott Boettcher gave an update. We are in the process of updating the Chehalis Basin Board's funding and direction for additional gages in the basin. Scott noted that we need to update Lewis County/West Consultants agreement. Steve Lyle asked if this is

done through Lewis County or Thurston County? Scott responded that installation will be with Lewis County, maintenance and operation will be assigned per county.

8. UPDATE: Flood Authority Website

Katrina Sukola gave an update on the Flood Authority Website.

Scott also gave an update that we're working with Curt Hart from Ecology and Deena Resnick from OCB (new communications person). We're going to revamp the website and make it a little less cluttered and a little more straightforward.

Katrina, Scott (and Robin) are working on the new Flood Authority website in time for county fairs. J. Vander Stoep commented that the fact that we have all of this information easily displayed now is great. Edna thanked everyone for all of their hard work.

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9. Looking Ahead

Scott Boettcher gave an update on outreach. Twelve have been completed, and one remains. On July 16, 2025 Scott, Edna, and Vickie are scheduled with Thurston County commissioners. The Flood Authority is working with OCB to secure a spot at Southwest Washington Fair for OCB to represent. Scott noted that we will be asking for volunteers for county fairs.

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10. Office of Chehalis Basin (Chehalis Basin Strategy, LAND)

Nat gave an update on strategy and budget. Nat stated they are working very hard and should have something tangible for them to look at in just a couple of weeks.

The legislature has put forward a capital budget of \$75M for the Chehalis Basin Strategy. Nat noted that we are waiting for the governor to sign, Nat believes deadline the 20th.

Scott asked if OCB has a new logo, Nat confirmed OCB does have a new logo and new look. Nat stated they did some rebranding over the past couple of months. J Vander Stoep noted the new logo, and site is easier to understand.

Brian Shay asked Nat when we can start working with the projects within the new budget. Nat stated that as soon as the governor signs the budget we should be good

to go. Nat said that they are working on the background while we are waiting for the governor to sign.

Scott noted that the project committee will prioritize projects once the new budget takes effect.

11. Chehalis Basin Board (Jay Gordon/Scott Brummer)

Jay Gordon and Scott Brummer were not present for today's meeting. J. Vander Stoep just wanted to underline what Nat has mentioned.

12. Public Comment

There were no members of the public that wished to provide public comment.

13. Financial Report(s)

Sarah Hensley from Lewis County Community Development reported expenditures for the months of March and April.

- Total Expenditures for the month of March were \$17,360.32 for salaries and wages of Lewis County Staff, SBGH and West Consulting.
 - Tasks 8: Skookumchuck Reservoir Gage March Calibration.
 - Task 9: Skookumchuck Inundation Maps – Bucoda
 - Task 11: Rain Gage (3) Purchase, Installation, and Calibrated.
- Total Expenditures for April were \$21,912.52 for salaries and wages of Lewis County Staff, SBGH and West Consulting.
 - Task 8: Skookumchuck Reservoir Gage Calibration for April.
 - Task 9: Skookumchuck Inundation Maps – Bucoda
 - Task 11: Rain Gage (3) Purchase, Installation, Copalis calibration and rain gage equipment.

Ron Averill asked if what Sarah is reporting is administrative costs. Sarah confirmed.

14. Report(s)

A. Chair's Report

Edna does not have a report from her or Vickie.

Edna did note that we are trying to send out the video and keep it easily accessible.

B. Member Reports

Brian gave an update that they are working hard to get funds restored with White House and Homeland Security Department.

Steven Lyle noted that the video Edna mentioned is the most effective tool we have.

C. Correspondence

No correspondence.

12. Confirm Next Regular Meeting, Topics, and Location

The Chehalis Basin Board Meeting schedule is listed on the EZ View website.

19. Next meeting is July 17, 2025, virtual

The next meeting is a virtual meeting on July 17, 2025 (10:00 a.m.). This will be a Teams mtg.

Adjournment was at 11:21 A.M.