

Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority

9:00 A.M. – Call/Web Conference Meeting

July 16, 2020 - Meeting Notes

Board Members Present: Vickie Raines, Grays Harbor County Commissioner; Edna Fund, Lewis County Commissioner; Tye Menser, Thurston County Commissioner; Brian Shay, City of Hoquiam; Dan Wood, City of Aberdeen; Trent Loughheed, City of Chehalis; Ron Averill, City of Centralia; Frank Gordon, City of Montesano; Steve Lyle, Town of Bucoda; Darrin Raines, City of Cosmopolis; Lonnie Willey, Town of Pe Ell

Board Members Absent: Richard Armstrong, City of Oakville

Others Present: Ken Ghalambor; Jay Gordon, Rick Sangder; Lee Napier

Handouts/Materials Used:

- Agenda
- Meeting Notes from May 21, 2020
- See https://www.ezview.wa.gov/site/alias_1492/34798/meetings.aspx#July2020

1. Call to Order

Chair Raines called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Introductions

Participants identified themselves as they called in.

3. Approval of July 16, 2020 Agenda

The agenda was approved by consensus.

4. Approval of May 21, 2020 Meeting Notes

There were no corrections or additions and so approved by consensus.

5. Update: 2021-2023 Local Project Submittals and Next Steps

Scott stated there are seven project submittals for the 2021-2023 biennium. They include: Aberdeen, Farragut Street Pump Station Rebuild; Aberdeen Fry Creek Restoration & Flood Reduction; Cosmopolis Mill Creek Multi-Objective Implementation Plan; Hoquiam 10th Street Pump Station; Hoquiam Queen Ave Pump Station; Lewis County Boistfort Road Infrastructure Vulnerability Assessment; LCFCZD #1 Chehalis Industrial Park Stormwater Management Project. The approximate estimated cost for all projects is \$8,850,000. The descriptions and costs of each project can be found on EZview.

Scott stated that WDFW, DNR and other agencies will be helping with due process and he will be asking project sponsors for more information or for clarity. The projects are listed alphabetically, and the Project Committee will meet in a week or so to start ranking them. Those that are a continuation will be weighted more heavily. In response to a question about projects beyond 2023, people have responded to those questions, but Scott has not summarized them yet.

6. Update: Local Resolutions

Scott has created a local resolutions library, found on EZview. In April, the Flood Authority discussed local resolutions favoring basin-wide resolutions. Currently there are eight members who have drafted

a resolution. Oakville plans to adopt its resolution on Monday, July 20. Scott did not know whether Napavine, Hoquiam or Aberdeen will be adopting. He is hopeful of a continuation of support.

During the discussion, Aberdeen, Hoquiam and Napavine asked for a template.

7. Update: CFAR

Update materials were described and posted to EZview.

8. Discussion: Community Understanding

Commissioner Fund stated she had received a phone call from a Lewis County resident who was extremely upset about thinking that we were building in the floodplain. Commissioner Fund is to meet with that person today to explain how we got where we are today. Although information has been sent out, there is a need to help people understand the complex issues. Not meeting in person has made communication more difficult. Scott asked Commissioner Fund to report back on how the meeting went and if any solutions might come from it. Commissioner Fund stated Lewis County is using .09 funds to have a firm help get the message out. Scott thought he might ask where this person is getting their information; it might be hearsay.

9. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

10. Financial Report

Lee reported that as of the end of May, expenditures were \$8,203.71, mostly salaries and consulting services. For the period ending June 30, 2020, expenditures were \$8273.05. Lee noted that the Early Warning System Operations and Maintenance is not a cost that is paid through RCO but through the counties cost sharing. The costs for the cost share are shown in text below the expense chart. Lee also stated that the Thurston ILA would be on the next financial report.

11. Reports

a. Chair's Report

The Chair had nothing to report.

b. Member Reports

Hoquiam – Brian stated the city is waiting to hear about the West levee, and Hoquiam is working with Aberdeen in conjunction with Aberdeen's levee.

Bucoda – Steve stated that the CFAR program has seven individuals who are working on flood vents or elevation.

c. Chehalis Basin Board

Jay Gordon stated the meeting scheduled for June was canceled. The Board is working on a grant from USDA to engage in a conversation for water quality trading.

d. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

12. Confirm Next Meeting

The next meeting will be a virtual meeting on September 17, 2020, starting at 9:00 a.m. Scott asked for members to contact him if anyone has something to add to the agenda. The draft ranking for the seven

projects and dollar amounts will be brought to the Flood Authority before it goes to the Chehalis Basin Board.

The meeting adjourned at 9:52.