

# CHEHALIS BASIN BOARD SUMMARIZED MEETING AGENDA AND ACTIONS

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**Date:** June 3, 2021  
**Time:** 9:00 am to 1:00 pm  
**Location:** Hybrid Meeting – Department of Ecology / Zoom Meeting

ITEM	FORMAL ACTION	FOLLOW-UP ACTION
1. Consent June 3 meeting agenda; Approval of May 6 and May 17 Meeting Summaries	Decision: Current agenda approved; May 6 and May 17 Meeting Summaries approved	No follow-up action.
2. Board Meeting Approach and Locations for July - December 2021	Decision: Board approved by consensus the in-person locations for hybrid Board meetings from July-December 2021.	OCB staff will submit an updated WA State Register notice to include the addition of in-person locations from July-December 2021.
3. Flood Authority Request re: Lower Satsop	Decision: Board approved by consensus the Flood Authority's request to de-obligate and re-allocate \$100,000 of 2019-2021 local project funds to new emergency erosion management design and permitting work needed on the Lower Satsop.	No follow-up action.
4. 2021-23 Budget Recommendations	Decision: Board consensus was not achieved on the 2021-23 biennium scope and budget recommendation for major work elements.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>OCB staff will develop a work program with options for how the Local Actions Alternative, Comprehensive Flood Damage Reduction Road Map, and local structural flood protection and floodplain mapping/modeling objectives could be addressed in the 2021-23 biennium, and if funding above the proposed level would be needed.</li> <li>OCB staff will develop a proposal on how to use unobligated 2019-21 funds to support 2021-23 budget elements.</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Quinault Indian Nation will submit a letter to the Board clarifying its concerns and request for additional information on the 2021-23 budget.</li> </ul>
5. Next Steps and Closing	Discussion	No follow-up action.

## Attendees

### Chehalis Basin Board Members Present:

- Vickie Raines, Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority (participated by phone for a portion of the meeting)
- Edna Fund, Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority
- Jay Gordon, Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority
- J. Vander Stoep, Office of the Governor
- Steve Malloch, Office of the Governor
- Glen Connelly (alternate to Harry Pickernell), Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation
- Tyson Johnston, Quinault Indian Nation

### Chehalis Basin Board Ex-Officio Members Present:

- Stephen Bernath, Department of Natural Resources
- Michael Garrity, Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Josh Giuntoli, Conservation Commission
- Bart Gernhart, Department of Transportation
- Rich Doenges, Department of Ecology

### Board Staff/Board Guests Present:

- See Attachment A

## Welcome, Introductions

Acting Chair Edna Fund called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. and welcomed the Board, staff, and audience.

## Consent Agenda

The Board did not have additions or revisions to the [June 3, 2021 agenda](#)

**BOARD DECISION:** Agenda approved by consensus.

## Approval of May 6, 2021 Meeting Summary

The Board did not have additions or revisions to the [May 6, 2021 Meeting Summary](#).

**BOARD DECISION:** May 6, 2021 meeting summary approved by consensus.

## Approval of May 17, 2021 Meeting Summary

The Board did not have additions or revisions to the [May 17, 2021 Meeting Summary](#).

**BOARD DECISION:** May 17, 2021 meeting summary approved by consensus.

## Board Meeting Approach and Locations for July - December 2021

OCB Director Andrea McNamara Doyle reminded Board members of their previous decision to continue with a hybrid in-person and online meeting approach from July-December 2021. The following in-person locations were proposed based on their ability to accommodate hybrid meetings for the remainder of the year:

Regular Monthly Meetings	Location
Thu, July 1	Lewis County Board of County Commissioners Hearing Room
Thu, August 5	Aberdeen Log Pavilion
Thu, September 2	Veterans Memorial Museum
Thu, October 7	Aberdeen Log Pavilion
Thu, November 4	Veterans Memorial Museum
Thu, December 2	Aberdeen Log Pavilion

Below is a link to the presentation materials:

- [CBB 2021 meeting schedule memo](#)

**BOARD DECISION:** Board approved by consensus the in-person locations for hybrid Board meetings from July-December 2021.

**FOLLOW-UP ACTION:** OCB staff will submit an updated WA State Register notice to include the addition of in-person locations from July-December 2021.

## Flood Authority Request re: Lower Satsop

Jim Kramer (facilitator) introduced Scott Boettcher (Chehalis Basin Flood Authority staff), who provided the Board with information on the current situation related to the Lower Satsop Restoration and Protection Program. Due to current erosion conditions and future projections, the Flood Authority has requested Board approval to de-obligate and re-allocate \$100,000 of 2019-2021 local project funds to new emergency erosion management design and permitting work in the vicinity of the ongoing Lower Satsop Phase I/II projects.

Below are links to the presentation materials:

- [Chehalis Flood Authority Erosion Project Funding Request presentation](#)

**BOARD DECISION:** Board approved by consensus the Flood Authority's request to de-obligate and re-allocate \$100,000 of 2019-2021 local project funds to new emergency erosion management design and permitting work needed on the Lower Satsop.

## 2021-23 Budget Recommendations

OCB Director Andrea McNamara Doyle continued Board member discussion of refinements and considerations for the 2021-23 biennium scope and budget recommendations for major work elements.

Below are links to the presentation materials:

- [21-23 Budget Recommendations](#)
- [2019-21 Unobligated Funds Memo](#)
- [Engineering budget item FCZD 2021-2023 Budget](#)

Key comments and discussion topics included:

Board members discussed the following elements and conditions for a proposed \$70M draft 2021-23 budget:

- \$3.8M for Integrated projects and programs, funded equally from flood damage reduction and aquatic species restoration allocations
- The ASRP Steering Committee would be asked to make recommendations to the Board for how to adjust and prioritize specific projects within the \$31.15M funding level.
- A \$20.1M FRE budget, with the following conditions:
  - The Board will receive a report from Ecology, USACE and the FCZD on work that is required to complete the SEPA and NEPA EISs, respectively, so it is possible to develop a more detailed spending plan on FRE activities for Board budget approval
  - Monies spent in the first year of the biennium would be only for responding to SEPA and NEPA EIS related requests or other government or agency inquiries, i.e., no monies would be spent on permitting or design activities not required by the SEPA and NEPA EISs processes or for responding to government or agency inquiries
  - The Board would check-in at approximately the one-year mark to assess spending and progress to date before deciding whether to spend the remaining \$20.1M allocated for the FRE
- The Board will check-in at approximately the one-year mark to assess spending and progress to date on all Chehalis Basin Strategy 2021-23 activities:
  - To compare actual spending against projections
  - To evaluate progress on near-term work plans and deliverables
  - To authorize new work/specific projects not included in the current plan
  - To make other modifications to the spending plan

- \$2.5M total for a Local Actions Alternative, Comprehensive Flood Damage Reduction Road Map, and local structural flood protection and floodplain mapping/modeling. The proposed Local Actions Alternative work program should include the following aspects:
  - Independent review
  - Science-based process
  - Proposed organizational structure
  - Environmental and socioeconomic evaluation of potential results
- Flood Authority would make recommendations to the Board for how to adjust and prioritize specific projects.
- For all elements above, OCB will develop a proposal for Board approval on how to use any unobligated 2019-21 funds to support 2021-23 budget elements

Board consensus was not achieved for the 2021-23 biennium scope and budget recommendations described above for major work elements. Board members noted that additional discussion and deliberation was needed to approve a 2021-23 biennium budget.

#### **FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS:**

- OCB staff will develop a work program with options for how the Local Actions Alternative, Comprehensive Flood Damage Reduction Road Map, and local structural flood protection and floodplain mapping/modeling objectives could be addressed in the 2021-23 biennium and if funding above the proposed level would be needed.
- OCB staff will develop a proposal on how to use unobligated 2019-21 funds to support 2021-23 budget elements.
- The Quinault Indian Nation will submit a letter to the Board clarifying its concerns and request for additional information on the 2021-23 budget.

## **Next Steps and Closing**

OCB Director Andrea McNamara Doyle provided information about participating in a post-meeting survey for OCB's effort to improve the hybrid meeting experience.

Jim Kramer (Facilitator) reminded the Board of their next regularly scheduled Board meeting on July 1, 2021.

## Attachment A

### **Board Staff/Board Guests:**

- Alex Gustafson, Trout Unlimited
- Andrea McNamara Doyle, Department of Ecology, Director, Office of Chehalis Basin
- Anthony Waldrop, Pacific Grays Harbor Conservation District
- Arthur Grunbaum, Friends of Grays Harbor
- Barbara Jo Blair
- Betsy Dillin, Flood Control Zone District
- Brandon Parsons, American Rivers
- Brandon Rakes, Chehalis-Centralia Airport
- Brett Swift
- Brian Shay, City of Hoquiam
- Brian Stewart, Conservation Northwest
- Carson Coates, Rep. Jamie Herrera Beutler Office
- Celina Abercrombie, Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Chrissy Bailey, Department of Ecology, Office of Chehalis Basin
- Cindy Bradley, Department of Ecology, Office of Chehalis Basin
- Cindy Hansen
- Curt Hart, Department of Ecology
- Christina Riley, LECET/LIUNA
- Colleen Suter, Chehalis Tribe, ASRP Steering Committee
- Colleen Granberg, Department of Natural Resources
- Craig Zora
- Dave Bingaman, Quinault Indian Nation, ASRP Steering Committee
- Deken Letinichm, LIUNA
- David Linn
- Diane Butorac, Department of Ecology
- Emelie McKain, Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Frank Corbin
- Frank Gordon
- Heather Page, Anchor QEA
- Hope Rieden, Chehalis Tribe
- Izzy Zucker, Pyramid Communications
- Jenn Tice, Ross Strategic
- Jim Kramer, Kramer Consulting (Facilitator)
- Jared Ross, LIUNA
- Jennifer Hennessey, Washington State Governor's office
- John Robinson, Consultant to Flood Control Zone District

- Jennifer Holderman, Department of Natural Resources
- Jim Waldo, Consultant to Flood Control Zone District
- Jo Blair
- John Henricksen, Flood Control Zone District Advisory Committee
- Krestine Reed
- Karen Allston, Quinault Indian Nation
- Karen Davis, Great Old Broads for Wilderness
- Ken Ghalambor, Ross Strategic
- Kris Koski, City of Aberdeen
- Lara McRea, Lewis County
- Larry Karpack, Watershed Science and Engineering
- Leander Geist
- Lee First, Twin Harbors Waterkeeper
- Linda Orgel
- Lizzie Jespersen, Pyramid Communications
- Mark Glyde, Quinault Indian Nation
- Mara Zimmerman, Costal Salmon Partnership
- Mike Nordin, Grays Harbor Conservation District
- Nicole Czarnomski, Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Nat Kale, Department of Ecology, Office of Chehalis Basin
- Phyllis Farrell
- Pete Krabbe, Pinchot Partners
- Rebecca/Greg, Twin Harbors Water Keeper
- Ronald Averill, Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority
- Scott Boettcher, Staff to Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority
- Shana Kelly
- Shari Tarantino, Orca Conservancy
- Shelby Thomas, Ross Strategic
- Steven Lyle, Town of Bucoda
- Sue Joerger
- Tammy Domike
- Teri Wright, Sierra Club
- Tim Young