

CHEHALIS BASIN BOARD SPECIAL MEETING

Topic: Chehalis Basin Strategy Assessment Practitioner Interviews

Date: August 18, 2022

Time: 9:00AM-12:00PM

Location: Zoom meeting

Attendees

Chehalis Basin Board Members Present:

- Vickie Raines, Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority
- Edna Fund, Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority
- Jay Gordon, Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority
- J. Vander Stoep, Office of the Governor
- Steven Malloch, Office of the Governor
- Harry Pickernell, Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation
- Tyson Johnston, Quinault Indian Nation

Chehalis Basin Board Ex-Officio Members Present:

- Alex Smith, Department of Natural Resources
- Josh Giuntoli, Washington State Conservation Commission
- Michael Garrity, Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Rich Doenges, Department of Ecology

Board Staff/Board Guests Present:

- See Attachment A

Welcome, Introductions

Chair Vickie Raines called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and welcomed the Board, staff, and audience.

Meeting Purpose

OCB Director McNamara Doyle noted that this special Board meeting was convened to interview candidates for the Chehalis Basin Strategy assessment, OCB Director McNamara Doyle then introduced Peter Harkema (Oregon Consensus Center), who provided the Board with an overview of the interview process.

Based on the initial screening interviews done with the selection committee, OCB extended an invitation to interview the top three top practitioners. Each interview was scheduled for 45-minutes and included candidate introductions, interview questions asked by Board members, and candidate questions posed to the Board. Each Board member and OCB Director McNamara Doyle had an opportunity to ask one of eight interview questions.

Interviewed candidates:

- Sara O'Brien - Willamette Partnership
 - Detailed background found here: www.willamettepartnership.org
- Liz Mack - Kearns & West
 - Detailed background found here: www.kearnswest.com
- Sam Imperati - ICM Solutions
 - Detailed background found here: www.ICMresolutions.com.

Executive Session

OCB Director McNamara Doyle noted the purpose of the executive session is for voting and ex-officio Chehalis Basin Board members to have a closed-door evaluation of the qualifications of the three applicants. The Board will not make its decision during the duration of the executive session. Board members will use this time to discuss their individual evaluation of applicants. The executive session is scheduled for 20-minutes. Board members will return to the main meeting room to announce if additional time is needed for discussion.

Chair Vickie Raines recorded a 5-minute extension to the executive session, announcing that no decisions were made during that time and no votes were taken.

Formal Motion of the Board

Chair Vickie Raines called for any items the Board would like to discuss or any actions members would like to propose regarding the candidates for the Chehalis Basin Strategy assessment.

- J. Vander Stoep motion to extend an offer to Sam Imperati (ICM Solutions) to do the initial assessment; Steve Malloch seconds motion.
- Chair Raines calls for discussion on motion; No Board discussion.
- Chair Raines calls motion to vote; motion passes – Seven-I's, Zero-opposed

DECISION: Board members have come to a unanimous agreement, with no dissent, to extend an offer to Sam Imperati to complete the initial Chehalis Basin Strategy assessment.

Next Steps and Closing

OCB Director McNamara Doyle will work with Peter Harkema to draft an offer to Sam Imperati to do the initial Chehalis Basin Strategy assessment. This assessment will proceed through Fall 2022 and will require Board member input and guidance on how the assessment will be conducted.

Chair Raines thanked Board members for their participation and adjourned the meeting. The next Board meeting is scheduled for September 1, 2022, to be held hybrid (in-person/online). Board members and presenters are encouraged to attend in-person and public should continue participating online.

Attachment A

Board Staff/Board Guests:

- Peter Harkema (National Policy Consensus Center)
- Brian Stewart (Conservation Northwest & LAND Steering Group)
- Casey Hart (Ross Strategic)
- Glen Connelly (Chehalis Tribe)
- Cindy Bradley (OCB)
- Curt Hart (Ecology)
- Darrin Raines (Cosmopolis)
- Erik Martin (FCZD)
- Jenn Tice (Ross Strategic)
- Kat Dickey (OCB)
- Matt Prociv (HDR)
- Nat Kale (Office of Chehalis Basin)
- Shelby Thomas (Ross Strategic)