

# CHEHALIS BASIN BOARD SUMMARIZED MEETING AGENDA AND ACTIONS

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**Date:** October 6, 2023  
**Time:** 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM  
**Location:** Hybrid meeting – Satsop Business Park, 150 Technology Ln, Elma, WA 98541

## Meeting Summary Action Table

ITEM	FORMAL ACTION	FOLLOW-UP ACTION
1. Approval of Current Agenda	Decision: Current agenda approved	No follow-up action.
2. Office of Chehalis Basin Director	Discussion	Board members can continue to provide input on the OCB Director candidates to Ecology Director Watson.
3. Board Executive Session	Executive Session	No follow-up action.
4. Chehalis Basin Strategy Development	Discussion / Direction	Staff will review outcomes from this month's package development exercises and provide next steps at the November Board meeting.
5. Public Comment, Next Steps and Closing	Discussion	No follow-up action.

## Attendees

### *Chehalis Basin Board Members*

NAME	APPOINTING AUTHORITY	ATTENDANCE
Vickie Raines	Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority	Present
Edna Fund	Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority	Present
Jay Gordon	Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority	Present
Tyson Johnston	Quinault Indian Nation	Present
Glen Connelly	Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation	Present
J. Vander Stoep	Office of the Governor	Present
Steve Malloch	Office of the Governor	Present

## ***Chehalis Basin Board Ex-Officio Members***

NAME	AGENCY	ATTENDANCE
Michael Garrity	Department of Fish and Wildlife	Present
Katie Allen	Department of Natural Resources	Present
Mark Gaines	Department of Transportation	Excused
Josh Giuntoli	Washington State Conservation Commission	Present
Rich Doenges	Department of Ecology	Present

## ***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. She introduced Department of Ecology Director Laura Watson.

## **Agenda Review**

Ken Ghaleb (Ross Strategic) provided an overview of the meeting's agenda. The Board did not have additions or revisions to the [October 6, 2023](#) special meeting agenda.

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

## **Office of Chehalis Basin Director**

Board members had the opportunity to ask and answer questions from two applicants for the permanent Office of Chehalis Basin Director position, Anne Marie Marshall-Dody and Jeff Zenk. Each candidate had a separate discussion with the Board, where they were given time to provide an introduction of their background and qualifications, why they are interested in the Director position, and what they see as some of the major challenges and opportunities that the Board is facing. They were then each presented a series of five questions by the Board members. Each discussion concluded with time for the candidates to ask the Board questions. No hiring decisions were made at this time. [Note: Board member Tyson Johnston was not present during this agenda item.]

**FOLLOW UP:** Board members will continue to be able to provide input on the potential candidates directly to Ecology Director Watson, who will make a decision on whether a candidate will be hired.

## **Board Executive Session**

Acting OCB Director Nat Kale noted the purpose of the executive session is for voting and ex-officio Chehalis Basin Board members to have a closed-door discussion of the qualifications of the OCB Director applicants. The Board will not make any decisions during the duration of the executive session. Board members will use this time to discuss their individual impressions of applicants. The executive session is scheduled for 30-minutes. Board members will return to the main meeting room to announce if additional time is needed for discussion.

Chehalis Basin Board Chair Vickie Raines recorded three 15-minute extensions to the executive session, announcing that no decisions were made during that time and no votes were taken.

## **Chehalis Basin Strategy Development**

Ken Ghalambor provided a recap of the October 5th Strategy Development exercises. He presented a high-level summary of the package results, which were combined into approximately 10 distinct packages, followed by a discussion of “unique elements” that the Board identified for further exploration, including:

- Agricultural viability
- Forest practices
- Transportation systems
- Low flow augmentation
- Local flood damage reduction project master plan
- Enhanced flood warning system
- Other-Hs and predation, e.g., banning jet sleds, reestablishing spring Chinook

Mr. Ghalambor reiterated that the packages developed today are not the final packages to be evaluated. The work done so far will provide information on what analyses and further work needs to be completed by OCB, its partners, and consultants to refine and define all work elements and options. He asked the Board if the preliminary packages properly reflect their interests in making comparisons, and if there are other gaps or inconsistencies. Board members did not identify any gaps or inconsistencies, expressed excitement at the point they have reached in their process, and felt that the packages sufficiently reflected the current range of potential options.

Below are the links to the meeting materials:

- [October 6, 2023 Strategy Development PPT](#)

**FOLLOW UP:** Staff will review outcomes from this month's package development exercise and provide next steps at the November Board meeting.

## Public Comment

There was no public comment.

## Next Steps

Ken Ghalambor (Ross Strategic) thanked Board members for their participation and adjourned the meeting. The next Board meeting will be November 2, 2023, as a hybrid (in-person/online) meeting at the Veterans Memorial Museum in Chehalis, Washington.

## Appendix A

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

*Those that participated virtually are noted with an asterisk.*

- Casey Hart, Ross Strategic
- Celina Abercrombie, WDFW
- Cindy Malay, OCB
- Col. Ronald Averill, Flood Authority\*
- Curt Hart, Ecology\*
- Cynthia Carlstad, NHC\*
- Drew Mealor, WDFW\*
- Jacqui Brown\*
- Jenn Tice, Ross Strategic
- Kat Dickey, Department of Ecology, Office of Chehalis Basin
- Ken Ghalambor, Ross Strategic
- Laura Watson, Director of Department of Ecology
- Lauren Dennis, Ross Strategic\*
- Larry Karpack, Watershed Science & Engineering\*
- Mark Glyde, Quinault Indian Nation\*
- Nat Kale, Department of Ecology, Office of Chehalis Basin
- Rebecca George\*
- Scott Robinson, RCO\*
- Shelby Thomas, Ross Strategic\*

- Stevie Colson, Department of Ecology, Office of Chehalis Basin
- Victoria Knorr, WDFW\*