

Cowlitz River Basin Flood Control Zone District

Erik P. Martin, P.E., District Administrator

*351 NW North St
Chehalis, WA 98532-1900*

Cowlitz River Basin Flood Control Zone District Regular Meeting Minutes

Location: Lewis County Commissioners Hearing Room, 2nd floor of the Historic Courthouse, 351 NW North St., Chehalis WA 98532
Meeting Date: Wednesday, January 27, 2021
Meeting Time: 2:30 pm

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Cowlitz River Basin Flood Control Zone District Supervisor Gary Stamper at 3:20 p.m., Wednesday, January 27, 2021. Those in attendance were:

Gary Stamper	Cowlitz River Basin Flood Control Zone District Supervisor
Lindsey Pollock	Cowlitz River Basin Flood Control Zone District Supervisor (Zoom)
Sean Swope	Cowlitz River Basin Flood Control Zone District Supervisor (Zoom)
Erik Martin	Cowlitz River Basin Flood Control Zone District Administrator (Zoom)
Betsy Dillin	Engineer, Lewis County Public Works (Zoom)
Josh Metcalf	Lewis County Public Works Director (Zoom)
Lara McRea	Interim Clerk, Board of Supervisors
Edna Fund	Office of the Chehalis Basin Board Member (Zoom)
Frank Corbin	Citizen (Zoom)
Susan DeLaire	Reporter, East County Journal (Zoom)

II. Verification of a Quorum

There is a quorum of three District Supervisors.

III. Approval of minutes for August 26, 2020

Motion made by Supervisor Pollock to approve the minutes of August 26, 2020. Supervisor Swope seconded the motion. Motion approved.

IV. Introductions

Introductions were made.

Gary Stamper
Chair

Lindsey R. Pollock, DVM
Vice Chair

Sean Swope
Member

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V. Public Comment

No public comment.

VI. Election of Chair and Vice Chair of the Cowlitz River Basin Flood Control Zone District

Supervisor Pollock nominated Supervisor Stamper for Chair of the Cowlitz River Basin Flood Control Zone District. Supervisor Swope seconded the nomination.

Supervisor Swope nominated Supervisor Pollock for Vice Chair.

Supervisor Pollock made a motion to accept the nominations as presented. Supervisor Swope seconded the motion.

Motion passed.

Supervisor Stamper will serve as the Chair of the district and Supervisor Pollock will serve as the Vice Chair of the district.

VII. Packwood Flood Plain Mapping Project-Betsy Dillin

Betsy Dillin who is the Sr. Engineer at Lewis County Public Works for surface water and utilities and also the project manager for the Chehalis and Cowlitz River Flood Control Zone Districts gave an update on the project.

She noted the county is going through a new floodplain study in the Packwood area for the Cowlitz River. The purpose of it is to redefine the floodplain and submit it to FEMA for an update of their flood map. Their existing flood map has modeling from back in the 1980's. It doesn't appear to be reflective of the actual flood risk in the area. It also has indications for land use. The county decided it was time to update the floodplain and secured some funding with the state through RCO. Watershed Science and Engineering was hired to conduct a floodplain study and they are going through a modeling effort to do that. When Watershed Science is finished, it will be submitted to FEMA and FEMA can then revise their flood rate map.

Erik added that this is an economic development project and the issue of sewer in Packwood stems from this issue. A lot of new construction work cannot be done because you can't put septic systems in the floodway.

Downtown Packwood does not flood historically but the current maps say that it will.

The hope is to loosen up some economic development properties in Packwood.

Josh said the process has been extended a bit due to COVID.

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Betsy felt they were behind about 2 months. They were looking at end of 2020 for modeling results and they are in model development right now. They should have some results fairly soon.

Supervisor Stamper noted that Packwood has a business meeting once a month. They also have the Packwood Improvement Club meetings on a Monday evening. They have been going up there regularly to let the citizens know exactly where the process is at.

VIII. Announcements

Erik said RCW 86.15 is the RCW that governs flood control zone districts and would be good reading background for the new supervisors. Both the Chehalis and Cowlitz are districts with taxing authority although neither have implemented any taxation at this time.

The monies the flow through the Chehalis district are 100% grant funded.

IX. Adjournment

Supervisor Pollock made a motion to adjourn, Supervisor Swope seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 3:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lara McRea
Interim Clerk