



**10:00 a.m. via Zoom**  
**May 18, 2023 - Meeting Notes**

Flood Authority Members Present			
Representative	Jurisdiction	Representative	Jurisdiction
Edna Fund	Lewis County	Mike Olden	Montesano
Brian Shay	Hoquiam	Ron Averill	Centralia
Richard Armstrong	Oakville	Darrin Raines	Cosmopolis
Lonnie Willey	Pe Ell	Tony Ketchum	Chehalis

Flood Authority Members Absent			
Dee Anne Shaw	Aberdeen	Duane Crouse	Napavine
Vickie Raines	Grays Harbor County	Tye Menser	Thurston County
Steven Lyle	Bucoda		

Staff Members Present			
Scott Boettcher	Megan Sathre	Cheryl Vincent	Michelle Lohrengel
Lee Napier	Sarah Hensley		

Others Present			
J. Paul Rinehimer	Jay Gordon	Ken Ghalambor	Jeffry Budnick
Dave Curtis	Erika Britney	Peter Regan	Kat Dickey
Nat Kale	Sam Imperati	Alex Dupey	

**Meeting Materials:**

[https://www.ezview.wa.gov/site/alias\\_1492/34798/meetings.aspx#May2023](https://www.ezview.wa.gov/site/alias_1492/34798/meetings.aspx#May2023)

**1. Call to Order**

Edna Fund, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.

**2. Introductions & Determination of Quorum**

Introductions were made. 8 Flood Authority members were present, there was a quorum.

**3. Approval of May 18, 2023 Agenda**

Ron Averill moved to approve the meeting agenda for May 18, 2023. The agenda was approved.

#### **4. Approval of March 16, 2023 Meeting Notes**

Ron Averill moved to approve the meeting notes from March 16, 2023. The minutes were approved.

#### **5. Refill Expiring Chehalis Basin Board Position**

Scott shared that Jay Gordon, one of the Flood Authority's four-year appointments to the Chehalis Basin Board, ends on July 1, 2023. Jay Gordon submitted an application to fill this position for the 2023-2027 period.

Ron Averill made a motion to appoint Jay Gordon as the Chehalis Basin Board Representative. The motion was seconded by Brian Shay. The vote passed unanimously.

#### **6. LAND: Overview, Flood Authority Connection**

Alex Dupey gave a presentation on the Chehalis Basin LAND (Local Actions Non-Dam Alternative). *See presentation for details.*

Edna shared that CFAR will be at the next Chehalis Basin Board meeting to present.

#### **7. Chehalis Basin Strategy: Overview, Flood Authority Connection**

Sam Imperati gave a presentation on the Chehalis Basin Strategy. *See presentation for details.*

#### **8. Concurrence with Executive Action**

Scott shared recently identified unmet funding needs from the Port of Grays Harbor and Port of Chehalis and the funding approach proposal to meet those needs (*see Executive Committee Decision for details*).

The Projects Committee recommends staff be directed to, as quickly as possible, work with sponsors (Ports), RCO, OCB and CBB to implement the proposed funding approach; and work with Lewis County, RCO, and OCB to carry-forward any surplus funds from Lewis County's 2021-23 Flood Authority Fiscal Agent funding agreement with RCO to its new 2023-25 funding agreement.

Brian Shay moved to approve the projects committee action, seconded by Ron Averill. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **9. Current/Upcoming Local Projects**

Scott displayed the current and upcoming local projects tables and gave an overview of the new and current projects (*see Local Projects table for details.*)

## **10. Flood Authority Interlocal Agreement**

Scott provided an overview of the current Interlocal Agreement and pointed out the proposed changes.

Scott will make the proposed changes and send the document out today so that jurisdictions can approve the agreement by June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Scott share that there is an opportunity to explore linkages between the Flood Authority and the Flood Control Zone District. With the Flood Authority's concurrence, Scott would work with Erik Martin and the Flood Authority's Projects Committee to more precisely identify and define linkages, opportunities (administrative, organizational, service delivery, etc.), next steps, etc., and report back at the July 20, 2023 Flood Authority meeting.

The Flood Authority supports the recommendation but expressed some concerns.

## **11. Chehalis Basin Board (Jay Gordon)**

Jay Gordon shared that there has been a large focus on the Skookumchuck dam, particularly in the Centralia area. Jay shared his reservations about the project. The Board is having conversations on short term Salmon recovery and hatcheries. The Board is spending too much time and money on habitat.

## **12. Public Comment**

There were no members of the public who wished to comment.

## **13. Financial Reports**

Lee Napier from Lewis County Community Development reported that expenditures for March were \$26,342.34 for salaries and wages (Lewis County Staff) and consulting services for SBGH and WEST Consultants. Expenditures for April were \$16,560.66 for the same budget lines.

Ron Averill asked if there will be money leftover and if so, what will be done with those funds. Lee responded that the full amounts for SGBH and WEST consultants will likely be spent in full. The amount for Salaries & Wages will likely not be exhausted since staff are not traveling as much.

## **14. Reports**

### **A. Chair's Report**

Vice Chair Edna did not have anything to report.

### **B. Member's report**

There were no member's reports.

### **C. Correspondence**

There were no correspondence reports.

### **15. Confirm Next Regular Meetings, Topics and Location**

The next meeting will occur on July 20, 2023, 10:00 A.M. via Zoom.

Adjournment was at 11:41.