

Chehalis Watershed Cooperative Meeting

Thursday October 25, 2012

Call to order:

1:50 pm

Board Members present:

Grays Harbor County Commissioner Terry Willis – Vice Chair
Mark Swartout – Thurston County (Alternate)
Glen Connelly – Chehalis Tribe (Alternate)

Agenda:

The agenda was approved by consensus.

Minutes:

The minutes from the September 27, 2012 meeting were approved by consensus.

Unfinished Business

CWC Strategic Plan: It was decided to move continued discussion of the Strategic Plan to the next CWC meeting.

Legislative Funding: Mr. Connelly reported that Mark White had written the project proposal for collecting basinwide LiDAR data, as the CWC had discussed last month. The group read the project proposal and unanimously agreed to send the project to the governor's office for potential funding in the next biennium budget.

Sickman Ford/South Bank Road Project Update:

Mr. Connelly said that the Tribe is continuing the design and hydraulic study of the proposed flood relief bridge. The Tribe's consultants were finalizing the hydraulic modeling and he expects to get a completed report in early November.

Harris Creek Culvert Project:

Mr. Connelly announced that the tribe had completed the replacement of the culverts where South Bank Road crosses Harris Creek. The new culverts will allow improved water flow during lower flow periods, improved fish access and decrease the amount of flood water that used to pool up on the east side of the road, causing flooding in Oakville and on the Chehalis Reservation.

Floodplain Roundtable:

Comm. Willis reported that the county had submitted the Satsop Project for funding from the current legislative appropriation and that an RFP had been sent out, requesting proposals for the project.

Mr. Swartout reported that Thurston County approved their new Floodplain Maps on October 16. They also acquired new mapping software that can precisely show property owners if their properties are in danger of flooding.

Mr. Connelly reported that the Tribe had submitted seven flood reduction and floodplain restoration projects to the governor's office for potential funding in the next biennium budget.

New Business

No new business.

Next meeting:

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday and the Christmas holiday the group discussed consolidating the November & December meetings into one meeting in early December, possibly Dec. 6th. Glen Connelly will send out an email to the group so each jurisdiction can offer suggestions on a specific date.

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Adjourn: 3:00 p.m