
**LEXINGTON FLOOD CONTROL ZONE DISTRICT
OF COWLITZ COUNTY**

MEETING MINUTES

June 6, 2022

The Board of Supervisors of the Lexington Flood Control Zone District of Cowlitz County, Washington, met in regular and executive session on Monday, June 6, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., in the Public Works Training Room, Public Works Administration Building, 1600 - 13th Avenue S., Kelso, WA.

PRESENT: Michael Pinto, Chairman
Brian Wesemann, Supervisor
Lee Wolf, Supervisor
Frank Randolph, Attorney
Patrick Harbison, Diking Engineer
Emilie Cochrane, Secretary

GUESTS: None

1. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Pinto at 10:00 a.m.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS** – *Supervisor Wesemann moved to approve the minutes from the May 2, 2022 regular meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Wolf and passed unanimously.*
3. **VOUCHER RATIFICATION** – *Supervisor Wesemann moved to ratify the vouchers from April 2022 in the amount of \$27,006.36. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Wolf and passed unanimously.*
4. **PAYROLL RATIFICATION** – *Supervisor Wolf moved to ratify payroll for April 2022 in the amount of \$2,064.00. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Wesemann and passed unanimously.*
5. **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION FOR ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA** – No audience.
6. **OLD BUSINESS**

Financials:

- **Cash Flow** – The cash flow chart for April 2022 was presented for review.
- **Treasurer General Ledger Report** - The Treasurer General Ledger Report for April 2022 was presented for review and discussion.
- **Org Budget Status Report** - The Organizational Budget Status Report for April was presented for review and discussion.

Levee Certification Process

- **FEMA Process** – A response from FEMA was received, and Mr. Harbison has Gibbs & Olson preparing a response. Once they are done, Mr. Harbison will send to FEMA and the Supervisors. There are several questions the Supervisors would like answered. For example, (1) what is the time span of the certification, (2) are there any benefits to the community, and (3) does this mean property owners will not have to purchase flood insurance.

South Fork Detention Structure Project

- **General Update** – Appraisal proposals were presented from the Whitaker property and the X_Y Development property. Supervisor Pinto expressed displeasure at the length of time EPIC has taken to provide this information and the estimated cost. Further discussion was held.

The meeting went into executive session at 10:27 a.m. for 5 minutes due to potential impact on the price of real estate in accordance to RCW 42.30.110(1)(c). The meeting resumed at 10:32 a.m. No action was taken.

Gibbs & Olson submitted plans to Washington State Department of Ecology last week. There has been no update on the mining permit. Mr. Harbison contacted Building and Planning numerous times. Continued efforts will be made to acquire the mining permit.

- **Right of Way** – Nothing to report.

Vegetation Management

- **General** – The dike has been sprayed twice since February. Mr. Harbison is seeking to find social clubs to do additional brush work. Further discussion was held on what type of organizations can provide this service.
- **Tree Removal**
 - **Lake Dorothy**—Nothing to report.

Emergency Action Plan – Nothing to report.

McCorkle Creek Pump Station Generators – The contracts were executed last month. Submittals have been received and approved by Gibbs & Olson.

Development

- **N. Fork McCorkle Creek Dike Issues** – Mr. Harbison reported the status of the damages and repairs. No work is being done at present. The Supervisors expressed frustration as to how long it is taking to repair the damage. Further discussion was held. The Supervisors agree that the repairs must be completed by the end of this

September. If this does not happen, the District will step in to make the necessary repairs and bill the appropriate party.

- **Cowlitz River RV Park** – Site plans for this RV Park were presented for review and discussion. Mr. Harbison explained why the easement has a 2:1 slope and how the developer is interpreting the easement. Further discussion was held based on the verbiage in the easement, regarding excavation of the land. Mr. Randolph will review the easement from a legal standpoint to find out what is protected from excavation of this sort. The other issue discussed was the proposed access to this park. In speaking with the Washington State Department of Transportation, they are okay with both the RV Park and the District having separate access. There remains the possibility that this work could jeopardize the certification process and impact the levee. Mr. Harbison will convey the Boards comments to the developer.
- **Apartments/Condo Development near Pankratz Pump Station** – Nothing to report.
- **Riverside Park next to Fire Station** – Nothing to report.
- **Maxwell** – There are currently things that are puzzling, such as the fact that the structure does not conform to what was approved.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Sparks Pump Station Vibration – Mr. Harbison requested a bid for the work associated with this repair.

8. CORRESPONDENCE - None

9. PENDING

S. Fork McCorkle Creek Erosion Repair - Nothing to report.

Cowlitz Drive Pump Station – Nothing to report.

Ventura Pump Station – No issues for several months.

10. OTHER

11. SET SPECIAL MEETING DATE / ADJOURNMENT / CONTINUATION OF MEETING

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 5, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., in the Public Works Administration Building training room.

The meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.



Chairman