



Approved PCZD Advisory Committee Meeting Summary: March 10, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

Committee Members Present:

Mike Dahlem, City of Sumner, Chair
Chris Moore, City of Orting, Councilmember, Vice Chair
Lew Wolfram, City of Fife, Councilmember
Hans Hunger, City of Puyallup, City Engineer
Chris Cooley, Office of the County Executive
Todd McKellips, Unincorporated Pierce County Representative
Char Naylor, Assistant Fisheries Director for the Puyallup Tribe

Flood District and Pierce County Planning and Public Works Staff:

Kjristine Lund, Executive Director for the Flood Control Zone District
Keven Dragon, Assistant County Engineer and District Administrator
Brynne Walker, Pierce County Floodplain Management Planner
Angela Angove, Floodplains and Watershed Service Section Manager, Pierce County PPW
Katherine Brooks, Service Water Management Division
Helmut Schmidt, Pierce County Floodplain Services
Krystal Kyer, Pierce County Surface Water Management Division Floodplain Planner

Advisory Committee Member Staff:

Greg Vigoren, Public Works Director, City of Fife
Jason Jordan, Director of Environmental Planning for the Port of Tacoma

Presenters:

Dana Coggon, Executive Director for Pierce Conservation District
John Bielkar, City of Orting, Capital Project Manager
Robert Wright, City of Sumner

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of Meeting Summary

Councilmember Wolfram moved to approve of the August 5, 2022 minutes. The motion was seconded by Hans Hunger. The motion passed unanimously.

Operating Rules Review

Executive Director Lund reviewed the Operating Rules which were sent out in the packet and posted on the website. Mr. Hunger questioned if it were necessary for the Chair or Vice Chair be an elected official. He suggested that the rule be rewritten to read “it be preferred if the Chair or Vice Chair be an elected official”. Executive Director Lund explained the reasoning for the current wording based on prior Advisory Committee discussions to ensure that elected officials are engaged. She requested opinions from Councilmember Wolfram, who agreed with Mr. Hunger, and Assistant Director Naylor, who also agreed with Mr. Hunger. Representative McKellips also commented that he agreed with Mr. Hunger. Mr. Hunger moved to revise section 3.2 to read “It is preferred that one officer be a local elected official but it is not a requirement.” Councilmember Wolfram seconded the motion. Chris Moore moved that the verbiage be changed to “with the lack of an elected official another may be nominated in lieu.” Mr. Hunger seconded the motion. Executive Director Lund suggested that this amendment be held until the next meeting so it can be properly worded.

District Administrator Dragon raised a concern about the operating rules allowing for alternates which are not authorized in the underlying county code. Executive Director Lund will verify this issue with legal counsel and report back.

Flood Plan Briefing

Angela Angove, Floodplain and Watershed Services Manager, gave a presentation on the 2023 Comprehensive Flood Hazard Management Plan Update. The presentation included the purpose of the 2023 Plan, the Regulatory Requirements, the Goals, Objectives and Guiding Principles, Plan Development, the Draft 2023 Flood Plan, Climate Change Projections, Environmental Justice, Habitat Conservation Plan, Capital Projects and the Environmental Impact Statement. Further information can be found at www.PierceCountyWa.gov/FloodPlan.

Election of Officers

Councilmember Wolfram nominated Mike Dahlem for the position of Chair. Hans Hunger seconded the nomination. Chair Dahlem’s nomination passed unanimously. Chair Dahlem nominated Chris Moore, Councilmember for the City of Orting, for the position of Vice-Chair on the contingency that he be approved by the County Council. Mr. Hunger seconded the nomination. The motion passed unanimously.

Project Implementation

Executive Director Lund discussed Exhibit D in the budget materials that were in the handouts. She pointed out that expenditures are below what was forecasted. Robert Wright spoke about the progress and future of the Sumner White River Restoration project. Dana Coggon, Executive Director for Pierce Conservation District, presented on the Tacoma DeMolay Sandspit Nature Preserve Shoreline Restoration and the Henderson Bay Shoreline Restoration. District Administrator Kevin Dragon spoke about the need to have a better of how this money could be spent in a timely manner. Executive Director Lund encouraged everyone to read the Opportunity Fund Guidelines which were sent in the packet. In April the department will be sending a letter reminding everyone how much money is available in that account. The projects need to be in the District’s budget, and the projects will need to be authorized by the Board. She emphasized that this money needs to be spent.

Other Business

Executive Director Lund commented on how wonderful it was that so many could attend this meeting and hope that the attendance remains strong in the future. There is an Executive Committee Board meeting next week to discuss the carry-over budget and then it will be presented to the full Board in April.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.