



Approved Pierce County Flood Control Zone District (FCZD) Advisory Committee July 9, 2021

Attendance

Present: Mike Dahlem, City of Sumner, Chair; Commissioner Deanna Keller, Port of Tacoma; Councilmember Spencer Abersold, WRIA 15; Paul Green, business representative; Todd McKellips, Unincorporated Pierce County; Greg Reed, City of Orting; Ellen Knowlen, WRIA 12; Chris Cooley, representing Pierce County Executive (alternate). Hans Hunger, City of Puyallup (alternate); Councilmember Jeni Woock, WRIA 15 (alternate); Gregg Reed (representing Lew Wolfrom).

Staff: Kjristine Lund, Executive Director; Melissa McFadden, District Administrator; Anne-Marie Marshall-Dody, Program and Partnerships Manager, Pierce County PPW; Harold Smelt, Engineering Services Manager, Pierce County PPW; Helmut Schmidt, Pierce County Floodplain Services; Greg Vigoren, City of Fife

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of Meeting Summary

Councilmember Abersold moved to approve the minutes of November 6, 2020 and February 25, 2021. The minutes were approved as presented.

Project Updates from Advisory Committee members

Mr. Smelt reported on 14 Pierce County projects: Huge Creek at 160th, Huge Creek at 144th St. NW, Purdy Creek at 160th, Little Minter Creek at 97th, White River Butte Pit Setback Levee, School House Creek at Mouth, School House Creek Culvert at 108th, Clover Creek W.O. Retrofit #1, Middle Puyallup 128th Comp. Story, Alward Road, Neadham Rd Floodplain Reconnection, Orville Rd. Revetment Phase 2C, Nisqually CM Protection. Mr. Smelt continued with an update on the Jones Levee project.

Mr. Hunger reported on the stream bank stabilization project on Clark's Creek.

Chair Dahlem gave an update on Sumner's White River Restoration projects: Habitat, Point Bar, Stewart Setback Levee and Bridge.

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Flood Plan Update

Mr. Schmidt spoke about the 2023 Comprehensive Flood Hazard Management plan, including urban, coastal, and groundwater flooding. This is a 10 year planning horizon, which makes the plan “doable”. The next phase of the planning process is to work with individual city governments to identify and rank projects.

2022 Draft Budget Introduction

Ms. Lund reminded the Committee that their budget recommendation is due to the District Board of Supervisors by August 31.

Option 1

Ms. McFadden started with the 2022 Annual Budget (Exhibit B). These figures were based on a 1% increase from the prior year. She noted the 1% increase is less than the \$0.10 per 1,000 of assessed value which has been District policy, but that this option considers the impact to taxpayers of rising property values.

Option 1 assumes that the Board of Supervisors will not continue to fund a Flood Risk Reduction Watershed Management Economic Stimulus Grant Program in 2022.

Ms. McFadden continued with the Summary of 2022 Capital Improvement Projects (Exhibit C). She described the Property Acquisitions, Engineering, Studies and Construction projects.

Exhibit D showed the Capital Improvement Program for 2022-2027, showing the funding needs over the next six-year period.

Option 2

Option 2 assumes a more modest grant program investment of \$1.5 million over a two-year period. The main difference is that grant funding is included in the capital projects line (Exhibit B). Ms. Lund pointed out that the Opportunity Fund Expenditures line should be \$1.39 million.

In Exhibit C, Capital Improvement Projects, the only change is the addition of \$1.5 million for the Flood Risk Reduction and Watershed Management Economic Stimulus Grant Program.

Ms. McFadden continued with Exhibit D, the six-year CIP.

Mr. Smelt gave an update on the Puyallup River Ford Setback. It is between a Capital Project and a Capital Maintenance effort.

The six-year financial plan will be presented at the next meeting.

There have been some updates on the projects which have received funding from the Economic Stimulus Grant Program.

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Ms. Lund stated budget recommendations would be considered at the next Advisory Committee meeting on August 6. There may be an Option 3 for the budget which would include the new revenue estimate for the \$0.10 per 1000. There was discussion about allocating that additional funding to the fund balance which would help build up a fund balance for when the flood plan is completed and the new revenue needs are known. Also, a decision needs to be made on whether to continue the Economic Stimulus Grants.

Ms. Knowlen questioned if the presenters were leaning one way or another on the recommendations. Ms. Mc Fadden answered that she is in favor of the \$0.10 per 1000, and the grant program. Ms. Lund continued that there are some projects that remain unfunded which would benefit from the stimulus grants.

Other Business

No other business

The meeting was adjourned at 10:33 a.m.