

# CONSOLIDATED DIKING IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1

## ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

OCTOBER 19, 2023

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the CDID No. 1 Advisory Committee was called to order by Committee Chair Jamie Hanseler at 6:50 AM. Committee members present were Ray VonTongeren, Ken Hash, Francis Naglich and Josh Johnson.

Tim Kilmer and Sherri Bean represented the CDID#1 Board of Supervisors.

Chance Cox, Ops Foreman and Amy Blain, District Manager, represented CDID#1 staff.

### AGENDA

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

### OPERATIONS FOREMAN REPORT

Chance Cox, Operations Foreman, reported on the following maintenance activities:

- Bella Terra hydroseeded several areas repaired over summer.
- Brushing and grubbing the walking trail around Island Drive along Ditch No. 15.
- Organizing the main shop in preparation for breakroom renovations.
- Participating on a field trip with the Spirit Lake Cowlitz Toutle River Collaborative and seeing Cowlitz County's LT1/LT2 bank stabilization projects.

Discussion followed regarding hydroseeding activities on an annual basis, and the 1-mile stretch of trail along Island Drive that is being improved. Francis Naglich asked whether the bank stabilization projects are above or below the Sediment Retention Structure (SRS). Mr. Cox confirmed both projects are below the SRS and stated the County's opinion that every 1 cubic yard that can be stabilized upstream is equivalent to 10 cubic yards that is prevented from being transported downstream.

### ENGINEER'S REPORT

Amy Blain, District Manager, reported on the following activities:

USACE Inspection: Ms. Blain reported the USACE completed their levee inspection the week of October 2-5, 2023 and will be back to inspect pump stations the week of October 25, 2023. The inspection consisted of a walking tour of the District's levees covering roughly six miles per day with one representative from the USACE and five contracted

employees from AECOM, all with experience in geology and civil engineering. Ms. Blain stated the inspection was conducted with two people walking the top and two people walking the toe of the levee. Ms. Blain noted a comment was made that the District's system was the largest of the six levee systems inspected by the team this year, and was in the best condition. Minor issues were discovered including animal burrows, potholes and unwanted vegetation, but none that will affect levee certification. Deficiencies were marked in the field with wood lath and/or documented by District staff.

Ms. Blain stated a report from the USACE could take up to three months and she plans to correct the majority of issues discovered during inspection before a report is published.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Cowlitz Clean Waters Fall Activities: Ms. Blain shared the details and deadlines for the upcoming 2024 Calendar Contest and said the District will participate in the Trick or Treat walk at Lake Sacajawea on October 28, 2023 to promote stormwater awareness.

2024 Draft Budget: Ms. Blain gave an overview of the preliminary budget, including a list of major expenditures and a summary of District assets and fund balances.

Board of Supervisors Election: Ms. Bean explained her position on the Board of Supervisors is up for election this year. Cowlitz County will conduct the election in February 2024 and Ms. Bean stated she will run for re-election.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

USACE CAP Pilot Program Grant: Ms. Blain stated she has completed an application requesting assistance from the USACE to close a 65-foot gap in the Cowlitz River levee at the old Weyerhaeuser railroad line, just north of Fisher's Lane. Ms. Blain explained she is waiting to receive a letter of support from Patriot Rail LLC regarding abandonment of the railroad and will submit the application by the October 20, 2023 deadline.

### **ADJOURN MEETING**

There being no further business or open discussion, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 a.m.

The next Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for 6:45 a.m., November 16, 2023.