

CONSOLIDATED DIKING IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

DECEMBER 16, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the CDID No. 1 Advisory Committee was called to order by Committee Chair Ray VanTongerren, at 6:45 a.m. Committee members present were Ken Hash, Kristin Gaines, and Francis Naglich.

Bill Hallanger and Tim Kilmer represented the CDID No. 1 Board of Supervisors.

Amy Blain, District Manager, Darren Frye, Lead Person, and Morgan Atkins, Administrative Finance Assistant represented CDID No. 1 staff.

AGENDA

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the agenda as published.

OPERATIONS FOREMAN REPORT

Darren Frye, Lead Person, reported on the following:

- Vegetation removal is complete along Ditch No. 6 and continuing from Ditch No. 5 to No. 14.
- Bank repairs to Ditch No. 2 where a vehicle slid off the road.
- Twin City Glass repaired a broken window at the Pioneer Pump Station.
- Installing CB radios in the District vehicles to improve communication especially when piloting equipment.

Fence Damage – 400 Block of West Side Highway: A vehicle damaged the District's fence near the 400 block of West Side Highway on parcel number 10422. The Cowlitz County Communications Center were aware of the accident and the Cowlitz County Sherriff's Department provided a vehicle description and owner contact information. District staff is working with owner's insurance to assist with repair costs.

Reynolds Pump Station Outfall Log Removal: District staff removed a tree/root wood sitting on the Reynolds Pump Station outfall pipe using the dozer and airboat. The outfall pipe will be inspected during the next low tide to ensure pipe joints are not damaged.

DISTRICT ENGINEER'S REPORT

Project No. 20-11, Main Pump Station Valve Actuator Upgrade: Valve actuators were delivered to J.H. Kelly from Beaver Equipment in Seattle, Washington. Ms. Blain stated fabricated adaptor pieces were shipped to JH Kelly for uncrating, inspection, responsibility, and storage. Ms. Blain noted Beaver Equipment agreed to a 2-year warranty beginning when valve actuators are installed.

County Wide Flood Plan: Mr. Frye and Ms. Blain met with local and state agencies to discuss a Cowlitz County Flood Planning Comprehensive Flood Management Plan Update. The meeting discussed future projects, special considerations, agency priorities, local area knowledge and formed a steering committee. Ms. Blain reported a consultant will be selected February of 2022 and the final plan is anticipated June of 2023.

Cowlitz Economic Development Planning – Cowlitz Levee Raise: District staff, Supervisor Bean and Supervisor Kilmer met with Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) staff to discuss a potential 7' raise of the Cowlitz Levee on SR411 near Fisher's Lane. Ms. Blain explained the scope involving site constraints, moving utilities, signalization changes, stormwater impacts, a required State and National Environmental Policy Act (SEPA/NEPA) review, including environmental justice, cultural/historical review, and a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Section 408 Review. Ms. Blain stated the project is preliminarily estimated to cost approximately 5-10 million dollars and WSDOT staff is working to provide a more detailed budgetary estimate. Ms. Blain reported the Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Council of Government (COG) will include the Cowlitz Levee Raise as a potential project in the Cowlitz Economic Development Strategic (CEDSP) plan to be updated in 2023. Ms. Blain explained the proposed project would eliminate a gap in the Cowlitz River levee and provide passive flood control reducing the dependency on temporary measures (AquaFence) and the manpower required to deploy them. Ms. Blain noted the project is several years out and having the project in the CEDSP will gain points in the application process for potential federal/grant monies.

OLD BUSINESS

The Cowlitz Clean Waters Partners (CCWP) finalized the 2022 CCWP Calendar Contest calendar. Due to COVID-19 precautions a recognition event will be held online for the winners.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Mr. VanTongeren asked if the retaining wall constructed on River Road along the Cowlitz River was resolved and documentation requested was received. Ms. Blain stated the homeowner has not submitted documentation but was given a date to be completed or the unpermitted retaining wall will be removed at their expense.

Mr. Naglich asked about the status of the Cowlitz River being dredged. Ms. Blain recalled the District is participating in the Spirit Lake – Toutle/Cowlitz River System Collaborative (SLTCTC) creating a declaration with objectives of planning, communication, raising awareness, legislative liaison, and long term management which will address dredging. Ms. Blain noted Axel Swanson, former Cowlitz County Chief of Staff, who had spearheaded a lot of the dredging conversation and was involved in trying to find locations to dispose of dredging material is no longer with Cowlitz County.

ADJOURN MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 a.m.

The next Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for 6:45 a.m., January 20, 2021.