



DRAFT PCZD Advisory Committee Meeting Summary: August 2, 2024, 9:30 a.m.

Attendance

Committee Members:

Chris Moore, City of Orting, Chair
Roger Henderson, WRIA* 15, Vice Chair
Greg Anglemeyer, Unincorporated Pierce County
Chris Cooley, Delegate for County Executive
Deputy Mayor Dennis King, City of Puyallup
Michael Kosa, Public Works Director, City of Sumner
Todd McKellips, Unincorporated Pierce County
Commissioner Don Meyer, Port of Tacoma
Char Naylor, Puyallup Tribe of Indians
Russell Odell, WRIA 10

Alternates:

Hans Hunger, City of Puyallup

Staff:

Kjristine Lund, Executive Director
Kevin Dragon, Surface Water Management Division Manager and Flood District Administrator
Helmut Schmidt
Allison Kilcoyne

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

Chair Moore called the meeting to order and Kjristine Lund called roll.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of Meeting Summary

The Meeting Summary for July 12, 2024 will be approved at the next meeting.

2025 Budget Recommendations

Executive Director Lund began by remarking that she was impressed by the attendance for this meeting. She continued by discussing the Draft Letter which was sent to all members to accompany the Budget recommendations, which will be edited and voted upon at this meeting.

Pierce County Flood District
Advisory Committee
Meeting Summary August 2, 2024

Lund turned the discussion over to District Administrator Kevin Dragon to review the package of materials which contain the different scenarios that were discussed with the Committee at the meeting last month, including corrections. Mr. Dragon presented the 2025 Annual Budget Document, beginning with Alternative One. He wanted to stress that in all Alternatives the expenses remain the same. The difference is in the calculation of the levy itself. Alternative one sets the levy at \$0.10 per thousand of total assessed value. Alternative two keeps the same levy rate as 2024. In Alternative three, there is a decrease of 1% compared to the levy rate in 2024. He continued with an explanation of the Annual Capital Plan, the two parts being Property Acquisitions and Engineering Studies and Construction.

Chair Moore suggested that a written policy be established explaining if or how the funds carry over for CIP projects and for the opportunity fund, and how they can be applied. There were comments and questions regarding this idea. The Committee did not take any action on such a policy.

Chair Moore asked the Committee if they would like to keep the levy at the same rate, raise it, or lower it. Deputy Mayor King moved to adopt Alternative One, and the motion was seconded by Roger Henderson. The motion carried, with 13 members in favor and two members in dissent.

The Committee reviewed and discussed the recommendation letter, including the addition of funds needed for maintenance needs, and adding an explanation that one of the reasons for raising the levy is due to events caused by climate change, and needed studies about flooding risks.

Six members spoke in favor of raising the minimum base Opportunity Fund amount, and 4 members were opposed. Executive Director Lund re-worded the letter to include the recommendations. One member voted in favor of moving forward with making the recommendation to increase the Opportunity Fund base amount, and 5 members voted opposed. Chair Moore asked if the members were comfortable providing language in the letter to send this issue to the Executive Committee for reconsideration with comments. Eight members were in favor, and no members were opposed.

Other Business

At the Executive Committee meeting on August 21 the goals and objectives for the Comprehensive Plan will be presented. The plan is to move forward with the Comprehensive Plan for the December meeting of the Board of Supervisors. All members are welcome to participate in the Zoom meeting on August 21. The next meeting for the Advisory Committee is tentatively scheduled for November 8.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

Roger Henderson moved to adjourn the meeting. Russell Odell seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.