

**CHEHALIS BASIN PARTNERSHIP
 Chehalis Tribe “Lucky Eagle” Casino
 Rochester, Washington
 May 20, 2011
 9:30 a.m.
 Meeting Summary**

MEMBERS, ALTERNATES & GUESTS PRESENT

<p>Glen Connelly, Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation Lee Napier, Grays Harbor County Kahle Jennings, City of Centralia Miranda Plumb, US Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) Julie Balmelli-Powe, Lewis County Farm Bureau Janel Spaulding, Chehalis Basin Partnership Jim Hill, Citizen, Lewis County Lyle Hojem, Citizen, Lewis County Mark Swartout, Thurston County Paul McMillan, City of Hoquiam Mark White, Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation Bob Burkle, Department of Fish and Wildlife</p>	<p>Chuck Turley, Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Terry Harris, City of Chehalis Christine Hempleman, Department of Ecology (DOE) Bill Schulte, Lewis County LaJane Schopper, Mason County Tom Gow, Puget Sound Meeting Services Kathy Jacobson, Chehalis Basin Education Consortium Chanele Holbrook-Shaw, Citizen, Thurston County Cheryl Smaciarz, Onalaska Middle School John Penberth, Citizen, Pe El John Lucas, Lewis County Farm Bureau</p>
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SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS:

Approval of Meeting Summary	The meeting minutes were not approved because of objection from Mr. Schulte.
CBP Organizational Structure Discussion	The Partnership agreed to retain the existing structure and not pursue establishing a fundraising arm at this time.

GENERAL PARTNERSHIP BUSINESS

Welcome, Introductions, and Roundtable Comments

After objection and protest by Bill Schulte of Mark White serving as Vice Chair because of his belief that the Tribe is no longer a member of the Partnership, Mr. White presided as Vice Chair and called the May 20, 2011, meeting of the Chehalis Basin Partnership (CBP) to order at 9:40 a.m.

It should be noted that Mr. Schulte continued to object to Mr. White presiding over the meeting as Chair.

A quorum was attained. Everyone present provided self-introductions.

John Penberth noted the CBP operates on a consensus basis. He asked Mr. Schulte to revoke his objection to the Chair to enable the meeting to proceed and that personal differences of opinion on membership standings should be handled in another venue. Mr. Schulte did not revoke his objection.

Discuss April 22, 2011 Meeting Summary

Mr. Schulte objected to the continuation of the meeting without a recognized Chair and objected to the approval of the minutes.

Mr. Schulte continued his objection to proceed with the meeting until a Chair has been appointed. Ms. Napier noted there are no action items on the agenda. Mr. Schulte objected to proceeding until the situation with the Chair is resolved.

Mark Swartout moved, seconded by Paul McMillian, to assign a temporary chair for the meeting and if consensus is not attained, Mr. White will continue to serve as Chair for the meeting.

Mr. Schulte objected to the motion as the organization operates on a consensus basis.

Mr. Swartout called for the question.

Motion carried based on the vote. Mr. Schulte objected.

Mr. Schulte objected and asserted consensus wasn't attained. Chanele Holbrook-Shaw questioned whether there was a specific agenda topic Mr. Schulte was attempting to block. Mr. Schulte said his objection relates to ensuring an active member is serving as the Chair or the meeting is not chaired.

Lee Napier moved, seconded by Mark Swartout, to appoint Mark White to preside as temporary Chair. The motion carried with several members pointing out that the organization's operating method is through consensus. For the record, Kahle Jennings, Julie Balmelli-Powe, Terry Harris, and Bill Schulte disagreed but supported a consensus vote for Mr. White to serve as temporary Chair.

Jim Hill arrived at the meeting.

SPECIAL PROJECTS AND PRESENTATIONS

CBP Organizational Structure Discussion

Ms. Spaulding reported that in April, there was consensus to continue refining the organizational matrix of different structures as well as a suggestion to continue moving forward with the current structure and seek out other funding options since the fiscal agent, Grays Harbor County, can administer grants and accept donations for the CBP. However, it should be noted that most foundations do not donate to governmental entities. She asked members to provide feedback on the next steps on whether to move forward with the current structure and no longer focus on creating a fundraising arm by focusing on other mechanisms for fundraising within the existing structure.

Mr. Swartout described the issue and asked whether members want to continue pursuing a funding arm for the Partnership.

Ms. Holbrook-Shaw advocated for continuing the organization and testing fundraising options to determine if it's possible to sustain the organization. If not successful, the Partnership could continue pursuing options for establishing a fundraising entity.

Mr. Swartout said other efforts include reducing costs. Ms. Spaulding said the Partnership pays for meeting room and meeting services to produce the minutes. After June 30, funding will not be available to provide for those services. Ms. Napier reviewed the costs associated with meeting space. Mr. White offered to meet with staff to discuss meeting room arrangements.

Ms. Holbrook-Shaw asked about the estimate of funds necessary to maintain operations. Ms. Spaulding said a matrix was developed of costs. It costs approximately \$125,000 annually to operate the Partnership to include the coordinator, but not meeting services. Currently, Grays Harbor College provides space for the coordinator at no cost. Ms. Napier said Grays Harbor County provides the costs associated with mailings for the meeting summaries. However, the Partnership would no longer be in the position to fund an edition of *Drops of Water* newsletter.

Chris Hempleman advised that the Partnership is eligible to apply for project funding. However, unless legislation changes, there are no watershed planning funds after June 30.

Kahle Jennings noted that there is no legislative sunset clause for watershed planning. However, appropriation of funds is an entirely different matter.

Mr. Schulte questioned the recommendation for moving forward. Ms. Spaulding said the request before the Partnership is whether or not to pursue a fundraising arm. Mr. Swartout said any action now wouldn't necessarily prevent the CBP from pursuing a separate fundraising arm at some point in the future. It appears there is consensus to retain the existing organizational structure and not pursue a separate fundraising structure.

Mr. White offered to follow up with the Chehalis Tribe on providing meeting room space at no cost. He suggested meeting with Ms. Napier and Ms. Spaulding to discuss the funds the Tribe received for watershed planning and the potential opportunity for pass-through funding to the CBP.

Ms. Napier commented on the match requirements and how the Partnership satisfies that requirement through volunteers. Bob Burkle questioned whether attendance by state representatives could be considered as a match if the state no longer funds watershed planning. Ms. Napier advised that the attendance by state representatives would count toward the match under those circumstances. Mr. Jennings noted that it is also possible the state may not sponsor the attendance of state representatives to Partnership meetings.

CBP Progress Report Update

Ms. Spaulding referred to information updating members on the project progress of the CBP. The format is linked to the CBP's Detailed Implementation Plan from December 2010 to the present. She updated members on projects completed to date:

Update to the CBP on project progress (Dec 2010-Present):

Education and Outreach:

Grays Harbor Stream Team:

- coordinated monthly meetings and volunteer events: *DIP Strategy 2.2-Implement E/O Plan*
 - site visit to Skokomish Estuary project
 - tree planting
 - ivy pull
 - Grays Harbor College Earth Day and trail work
 - McDonald Creek

- 2 grant applications (1 from Dept. of Ecology and 1 from SRFB): ***DIP Strategy 2.1 and 5.2 (Develop a finance strategy work plan and Develop a habitat restoration and protection outreach effort)***

Dept. of Ecology funded \$15,000 to do a culvert retro-fit on McDonald Creek in Elma
SRFB prelim proposal submitted

Centralia Stream Team: ***DIP Strategy 2.2-Implement E/O Plan***

- coordinated monthly meetings (Kim Ashmore) and volunteer events:
- stormwater funds to model hydrology of China Creek

Drops of Water: ***DIP Strategy 2.2 (Implement E/O Plan)***

- attended meetings with CRC and others to discuss and plan the future of Drops of Water
- solicit articles and do initial editing and layout of the newsletter, then send files to Margaret for final review (December, February, April, June editions)

Other Events: ***DIP Strategy 2.2 and 2.3 (Implement E/O Plan and Build partnerships that leverage financial resources)***

- informational table about CBP and GH Stream Team at Beachcomber's Fun Fair: March 5-6
- informational table about CBP and GH Stream Team at Shorebird Festival: April 30, May 1
- informational table about CBP and GH Stream Team at Grays Harbor Vision 2020 Process: March 26
- State of the River facilitator and workshop presenter at Student Congress: March 18
- Participate in the Grays Harbor Marine Resources Strategic Planning Session: May 16

Chehalis Basin Partnership:

2 grant applications submitted:

- Water Storage Feasibility (aquifer storage and recovery) to Ecology on December 17
DIP IM 3.4 (Develop tools for meeting water quantity needs) and DIP IM 4.2d (Innovative Approaches to water rights)
- Decision Support Tool project proposal to continue groundwater characterization work to Ecology on December 10: ***DIP IM 1.2 (Measuring to Manage Water Quantity)***

Water Quality Committee:

- monthly meetings: ***DIP IM 4.2a (Promoting local agriculture and forestry-education and outreach)***
- preparation and publication of articles and bill stuffers for water quality E/O: ***DIP IM 4.2a***

Steering Technical Committee:

- monthly meetings
- coordination and discussion of water banking possibilities: ***DIP IM 1.1 (Create a partnership with the Dept. of Ecology and Conservancy Boards in issuing and transferring water rights)***
- coordination and discussion of alternate funding mechanism: ***DIP IM 2.1 (Develop a finance strategy work plan)***

Habitat Work Group:

- monthly meetings: ***DIP IM 5.1 (Foster Communication and coordination among groups for habitat restoration and protection)***

- SRFB review team: ***DIP IM 5.2c (Assessment, Implementation, and monitoring of habitat restoration and protection activities and plan)***
- update Habitat Work Plan and Habitat Work Schedule: ***DIP IM 5.2a and 5.2b (Develop a habitat restoration and protection outreach effort, Develop a finance work plan for habitat restoration and protection)***

Chehalis Watershed Festival Committee:

- monthly meetings
- solicited Chehalis Basin businesses and orgs for 2011 Festival fundraising: ***DIP IM 2.1 and 2.3 (Develop a finance strategy work plan and Build Partnerships that leverage financial resources)***

Grays Harbor College

- coordinated and hosted an environmental education/outreach workshop in cooperation with Kathy Jacobson of CBEC and Lorena Marchant of Coastal Resources Learning Center: Jan 12-***DIP IM 2.2, 2.3 (Implement E/O Plan and Build Partnerships that leverage financial resources)***
- attended monthly sustainability committee meetings
- attended monthly exempt employee meetings
- assisted Lorena Marchant and CRLC on two grant applications (NOAA Sea Grant and EPA Environmental Education Grant) - small chunks of funds for work with the summer programs sponsored, such as the rain garden project-***DIP IM 2.3 (Build partnerships that leverage financial resources)***
- planned Earth Day activity on trails around campus for 4-8th grade students to participate in the College's Earth Day celebration Apr 25-***DIP IM 2.2 (Implement E/O Plan)***
- evening administrator duty 1 day per quarter

Mr. Schulte asked whether the Lewis County Farm Bureau is involved with local agriculture and outreach. Ms. Spaulding said no one from the Farm Bureau has attended any water quality committee meetings. The Farm Bureau was invited to attend. John Lucas and Ms. Balmelli-Powe indicated they did not receive any meeting notification. Ms. Spaulding reported Ron Maul has been receiving the emails. She will add Mr. Lucas and Ms. Balmelli-Powe to the mailing list. Discussion followed on including the other farm bureaus as well.

Responding to an inquiry from Patrick Wiltzius regarding the task of promoting local agriculture and forestry-education, Ms. Spaulding affirmed that the category was mistakenly included under the Water Quality Committee and should be corrected to reflect DIP Strategy 2.0.

Ms. Spaulding was asked about the culvert retrofit on McDonald Creek. There are two projects on the McDonald Creek consisting of restoration projects, which was submitted for Salmon Recovery Funding Board funding and upstream there is a county-owned culvert that will be retrofitted from funds from the Department of Ecology. The Grays Harbor Stream Team applied for DOE funds.

Mr. Jennings inquired about the funding level required for the Watershed Festival. Ms. Spaulding said the goal is to raise \$5,000. The City of Centralia is sponsoring all printing costs.

Ms. Balmelli-Powe asked about FIN 2. Mr. Jennings said Kim Ashmore is coordinating with others to raise funds to construct a second FIN for the Partnership. Approximately \$20,000 is needed to construct the fiberglass fish. Lyle Hojem donated a trailer to transport the fish to events.

Mr. Schulte requested the inclusion on the status of the GI Study under the Partnership. The Partnership previously received monthly updates on the study. There hasn't been a recent update, which causes him some concern as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has indicated the money has been spent. There also is nothing on the agenda regarding the Partnership's budget.

Mr. Jennings said he understood that there were some efforts regarding whether the state will assume the lead for the GI Study. Mr. Schulte said that was the last discussion involving the study. There has been no update since then. Ms. Napier said a letter was sent to the state in January. Mr. Schulte said the Corps has indicated \$952,000 has been spent of the \$1 million earmarked for the study. Mr. Jennings said there was a discussion on adding flood hazard reduction to the GI Study. He asked whether that request was ever formalized.

Mr. Swartout commented that the current GI Study is a single purpose study of ecosystem restoration. There has been a discussion to add a second purpose, which hasn't been finalized. Mr. Schulte said the Partnership put a hold on the GI Study Ecosystem Restoration project until the issue was resolved. Ms. Napier noted the Project Management Plan (PMP) and the feasibility study are both on hold.

Members discussed the status of the study and authorization for the expenditure of funds. Ms. Napier provided additional information on the status of activities related to the study and the funds. The last two scopes of work that she recalls were working with USGS to gather some data. The Partnership received a report on that work. During the transition period, the Corps has requested a hydraulic model. That scope of work was sent to the state and to the Steering Technical Committee. Mr. Schulte asked to receive a copy of that scope of work.

Mr. Swartout added that the Flood Authority decided against spending some money. USGS has submitted a scope of work for the hydraulic modeling for a specific area of the river. FEMA is also in the early stages of completing a flood study that also requires the same kind of hydraulic modeling from Lewis County to Grays Harbor County. He spoke with Bill Goss from the Corps about the duplication of efforts by two different federal agencies. A Corps employee is obtaining all the various studies relating to the modeling. The Corps is contacting FEMA in an attempt to consolidate the different efforts.

Ms. Spaulding offered to provide quarterly progress reports on CPB projects and activities.

Presentation from Local Organization Update: Heernett Environmental Foundation

Ms. Holbrook-Shaw provided an overview of the Heernett Environmental Foundation. The foundation's name is derived from a combination of each founder's name. The goal of the organization is long-term protection of natural resources, which began in the mid-1980s through the purchase of several large tracts of land from regional timber companies. One of the founders was from the Tenino area where large timber companies were selling large tracts of land for development. The founder purchased the property with the intent to protect the property. By the mid-1990s, there was realization for the need to create a foundation with its own mission and goals, as there were no other organizations that could fulfill the idea and integrity of the founders' plans for sustainability through protection and education. The foundation tried to work with other land trusts and other conservation groups and nothing really fit the ideas and goals of the founders

The foundation was officially established in 1996 and held approximately 750 acres of forest, wetlands, several miles of streams, and the Scatter Creek headwaters. The foundation is located east of Tenino. At

the very beginning, the foundation has worked on multiple tracks for protection, wildlife enhancement, restoration, and education and outreach.

The strategic location of the Heernett properties throughout the Scatter Creek watershed creates critical protection for a variety of aquatic and terrestrial wildlife as well as local landowners and citizens. The Heernett properties are adjacent to thousands of acres of large timber owners such as DNR, Weyerhaeuser, and Port Blakely. Those large tracts of land are owned by timber companies behind the foundation and adjacent to its properties and serve as an area for large animal migration through the Skookumchuck Valley. The foundation is helping to establish migration corridors for large wildlife, such as cougars and black bear traversing multiple watersheds. This is creating a long-functioning migration corridor keeping landowners, citizens, and wildlife safe as they all live in close proximity. Another goal is protecting sections of Scatter Creek headwaters for long-term sustainability for juvenile salmon habitat. Scatter Creek is one of the smallest watersheds in the Chehalis basin.

Ms. Holbrook-Shaw distributed some maps of the Scatter Creek watershed protected properties. Currently, the foundation is working to secure a small piece of land in the watershed near Rochester with the goal of working from both ends of the watershed protecting critical habitat as well as Scatter Creek itself.

Ms. Holbrook-Shaw reviewed a map of foundation properties located near Tenino.

Mr. Swartout asked about the status of the small piece of property near the quarry. Ms. Holbrook-Shaw said that property was recently acquired by Weyerhaeuser. The foundation learned Weyerhaeuser is planning to clear-cut the property. Because of the foundation's adjacent properties, Heernett worked with the City of Tenino to acquire a 12-acre buffer above the park to preserve those trees. However, the hillside has been cleared by Weyerhaeuser.

A recent acquisition is the Samson property of 80 acres. She displayed a photo of an 80-year-old upland forest that the foundation owns of approximately 160 acres. Another property of ownership is near the rails to trails pathway in Tenino. The property includes a natural waterfall, which acts as a fish barrier. Mill Pond provides fishing opportunities for citizens. River otters and beavers frequent the area. The foundation worked with Thurston County to secure funding to install foot bridges to replace failing culverts. The stream has been improved significantly with salmon present each year.

Heernett's role is to lead by example. As a small organization, the foundation wants to do it right the first time as well as provide a resource for local citizens to view the activities. The foundation offers tours of its properties to view the efforts. The foundation is not a land trust and owns its properties providing for easier restoration and experimentation of restoration ideas. Heernett was one of the first organizations to incorporate snags into its habitat restoration projects, which has been successful. The foundation is also a local resource for citizens by providing solutions or directions to landowners. Often Ms. Holbrook-Shaw said she receives calls about wildlife or occurrences on property needing some direction. She often provides answers or directs them to the appropriate resource. Heernett also actively pursues critical habitat for long-term protection. The foundation constantly seeks special properties that need protection or enhancement. The foundation shares environmental science through outreach and education. Ms. Holbrook-Shaw said she attends town hall meetings to discuss salmon issues in the Scatter Creek watershed and works with local landowners for backyard habitat restoration and native plantings to attract birds.

Recent activities include implementing habitat enhancement mitigation projects, land acquisitions, and working with K through 12 and college students throughout the Scatter Creek watershed and Chehalis basin. Ms. Holbrook-Shaw said much of her work is with Ms. Jacobson.

The foundation was green certified in 2009 enabling all timber that is thinned or harvested to be certified as green.

Ms. Holbrook-Shaw shared several photographs of foundation properties and project sites. Heernett Foundation has also enhanced approximately 3,000 linear feet of instream habitat and has planted over 10,000 trees, installed snags throughout habitat projects, improved over 15 acres of wildlife habitat, and removed four failing culverts and replaced them with larger culverts. The foundation has also abandoned non-necessary roads and improved roads. Ms. Holbrook-Shaw said she also works with PAWS on animal releases involving deer and a juvenile beaver.

Ms. Holbrook-Shaw shared information and photographs on several large properties that were restored, planted, and enhanced. A small bridge project was completed on the Hidden Meadow property, which opened up the stream system.

The Heernett Foundation has worked with schools and landowners over the last 12 years throughout the Scatter Creek watershed and the basin. The foundation has sponsored several college internships and conducts water quality testing in conjunction with the local students through the Chehalis Basin Education Consortium, and supports town hall meetings. She displayed a photo of Tenino High School senior students working with the Thurston County Conservation District on stream assessments.

Other projects include the Discovery Trail, located off Goodrich Road off Old Highway 99. Mr. Jennings added that the project was partially funded by grants from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Ms. Holbrook-Shaw said the site is land owned by the Chehalis River Basin Land Trust. Janet Strong is working on improving riparian zones. Mr. Jennings noted that the land is actually owned by the City of Centralia and the Land Trust has negotiated an easement for the riparian zone. The City has funded much of the cost for the reestablishment of the zone. The project is located off the Chehalis River.

Another project is the Tenino 12-acre property to create a buffer above the City's quarry pool and park. The foundation conducted fundraising to secure match money for the City of Tenino after receiving information that state and federal grants were awarded for the property.

Ms. Holbrook-Shaw reviewed some awards the foundation has received.

The foundation wants to be a long-term resource for citizens, organizations, agencies, and tribes throughout the Chehalis basin. The foundation has the desire and the ability to facilitate and collaborate with a variety of entities to ensure projects of all kinds can be successful for everyone. Ms. Holbrook-Shaw reviewed a list of things the foundation provides.

Ms. Holbrook-Shaw described some of the successes associated with the snags.

Mr. Jennings asked how the foundation's efforts to restore and acquire properties are sustained. Ms. Holbrook-Shaw said the original 750 acres were purchased from a \$500,000 donation by the founders. Some funds have been raised from opening up some of the forests for timber removal to assist in establishing old growth forests, and through donations. An entire year was spent on fundraising efforts for the City of Tenino. A benefit concert was also held several years ago. Mr. Jennings asked if the

founders exercise great control over the foundation. Ms. Holbrook-Shaw said the foundation has a Board of Directors. The President and Vice President are the founders. She maintains contact with the officers who monitor her activities. Mr. Jennings asked about the foundation's long-range plan to continue its efforts. Ms. Holbrook-Shaw advised that the property will be protected into perpetuity. The foundation has a fund established for the foundation. The goal is to become well established to continue efforts. A membership program is being initiated. Efforts will continue on grant writing as well.

Ms. Holbrook-Shaw addressed questions on maintaining old growth forests and clarified that the goal is to promote the growth of well-established natural forests

Jim Hall complimented Ms. Holbrook-Shaw on the work she and the foundation have accomplished.

Presentation from Chehalis Basin Education Consortium Students on Water Quality Monitoring Efforts

Kathy Jacobson reported she is the coordinator for the Chehalis Basin Education Consortium, which works in partnership and collaboration with a number of different entities. The consortium is celebrating its 12th year. Funding this year was received from Education Services District #13, WDFW, and US Fish and Wildlife Services.

Ms. Jacobson distributed information on the *Words and Images from the Watershed: Washington's River of Words* contest. DOE was this year's sponsor for the award ceremony attended by over 250 students, families, and friends.

This year, the consortium is working with the Nisqually Education project, which received a grant for *Nature of Learning* to assist children in connecting with local wildlife refuges. Classroom presentations have been presented at Tenino, Chehalis, and Centralia schools. Over 700 students will be visiting the Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge over the next several weeks to learn about the restoration project to restore over 762 acres of salt marsh habitat. Recently, the boardwalk trail was completed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Ms. Jacobson introduced Cheryl Smaciarz, who teaches at Onalaska Middle School. Ms. Smaciarz introduced the six students shared information on their water quality and restoration efforts on Carlisle Lake and testing results for phosphates, nitrates, turbidity, dissolved, pH, and temperature. The event began on November 11, 2010 with over 250 5th through 8th grade students participating. Five different types of trees were planted of Red Alder, Western Red Cedar, Willow, Douglas fir, and Cottonwood. Several students shared information on the field trip to Grays Harbor College to attend the Water Quality Congress. Another student shared the history on the Town of Onalaska.

Mr. Hojem shared additional details on the history of William Carlisle, owner of the Carlisle Lumber Company, the largest sawmill in the country at that time.

Mr. Schulte shared that the non-profit that owns Carlisle Lake can no longer afford to maintain the lake and is transferring it to Lewis County and the Onalaska School District. Both jurisdictions are working to maintain the school's projects in the lake as an education conservation area.

Ms. Hempleman asked whether the effort was the first to monitor the lake. Ms. Smaciarz said her students have monitored the lake for at least three years. Ms. Jacobson said the lake has been monitored for 12 years and Onalaska has participated in other restoration projects on land owned by the land trust near Littlerock. This is the first time the town has applied efforts to the lake site near the school.

Ms. Jacobson shared information on the 2011 Summer Teach Institute at Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge from June 27 to June 30, 2011. The institute is in collaboration with South Sound GREEN and the Nisqually River Education Project through Nisqually River Foundation. The theme is *Ecological Restoration of Schoolyards & Water Quality Monitoring*. Teachers who attend and engage in a restoration project will receive up to \$250 from the sponsors.

Other Business

Mr. White asked for a review of the previous motion offered by Mr. Swartout. Mr. Swartout reviewed his motion to appoint a temporary Chair. He said the motion failed and therefore there was no temporary Chair.

Mr. Schulte said the Partnership doesn't make motions or vote and so therefore the motion was out of order.

Mr. White asked about approval of the meeting minutes. Mr. Schulte said he wouldn't approve the minutes.

Mr. White stated for the record, that the Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation has not withdrawn its membership from the Partnership. Until Grays Harbor County, as the fiscal agent, indicates otherwise, the Tribe will continue to attend and participate as a member of the Partnership.

Mr. Schulte stated that for the record, Article 20 of the Chehalis Watershed Cooperative Interlocal Agreement states in part, "...and agrees to be the non-federal sponsor for the dual purpose General Investigation study." He said the Tribe cannot belong to two competing groups. Article 19 indicates that the Tribe has withdrawn. He is recognizing the Tribe's withdrawal from the Partnership.

Mr. White asked about citation in law that prohibits membership in different groups. Mr. Schulte said if the Tribe is taking over as the sponsor of the General Investigation Study there is a serious conflict and that it's unethical.

Agenda Items for June 24, 2011 Meeting and Future Meetings.

Ms. Spaulding reviewed the June 24 agenda:

- Mr. Schulte requested the addition of an update on the status of the GI Study from the Lead Agency
- Presentation: Climate Change and Changing Hydrologic Extremes by Alan Hamlet, UW Climate Impacts Group
- Presentation: Water Law 101 by Lara Fowler, Gordon, Thomas, Honeywell
- Monthly Organizational Presentation: Carlisle Lake Project by Jim Tyner, Onalaska High School

At the July meeting, two presentations are scheduled:

- Nadine Romero, Thurston County on the Scatter Creek Groundwater Model
- Update from USGS on Groundwater Characterization project
- Feedback discussion on future meeting locations

Mr. Burkle advised that the June 10 meeting date for the Habitat Work Group is a lay-off day for state employees. He is unable to attend the meeting.

Any donation checks for the Watershed Festival should be made to Grays Harbor County.

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business, Vice Chair White adjourned the meeting at 11:42 a.m.

Prepared by Valerie L. Gow, Recording Secretary/President
Puget Sound Meeting Services