

FRIDAY WITH *Friends*

M E E T I N G N O T E S

Experience Chehalis

July 8, 2022 | 8:30 a.m.

Attendees: David Hartz, Brian Wilkins, Annalee Tobey, David James, Laura Six, Jill Anderson, Dolly Tardiff, Lindsey Senter, Lindsey Pollock, Eric Sonnenberg, Tony Ketchum, Mitch Moberg, Katie McDougall, Joanne Schwartz

Joanne Schwartz - Chehalis-Centralia Railroad & Museum

- Currently not able to run the train.
- They are hosting an escape room and dinner train on the train while stationary. The series is called "One the Train...At the Depot."
- They will be having a magic-themed train, Wizard Express with magician Jeff Evans.
- They are looking for resources to help in their recovery after the flood. Track repairs are currently underway. The repairs from the flooding that occurred in January will cost approximately \$500,000.
- Volunteers are taking this opportunity to do training.
- They had great media coverage on King 5 last week.

Lindsey Senter - Port of Chehalis

- There are currently 2 purchase and sale agreements in process at 0 Rush Road and 273 Maurin Rd. 0 Rush Rd would be sold to a developer for \$9.3 Million and would close at the end of 2023 at the latest.
- Development:
 - Dawson Rd. The Port is pursuing a design grant for property on the corner of Jackson Hwy. and Maurin Rd. to potentially develop more bay user space for light industrial business.
 - The Hydrogen Facility project with Twin Transit and Economic Alliance would add a Hydrogen Fueling station and a business park.
 - SW Grain Facility
 - Partnership with Economic Alliance, Northwest Business & Agricultural Center.
 - Working to submit a \$3 million EDA Grant to fund Phase 1 to build grain silos and conveyance for local farmers. Phase 2 would add buildings to host value-added agriculture users to support local agriculture.
 - Berwick Creek Habitat and Restoration Project is currently having design work performed to improve habitat on the creek that runs under Rush Road.

- The Port acts as the administrator for LCFCD#1 and is working with the Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority to support a regional approach to flood mitigation
- The Port is currently at capacity and is looking at adding leasable space.

Economic Vitality Committee - Laura Six

- There are many projects currently underway or recently finished that were funded by facade grants.
 - Totally Pawsome signage
 - Visiting Nurses awning
 - Shona's signage
 - Moerke and Sons adding security cameras
 - Taqueria Lolita signage
 - Garbe's signage

Promotion Committee - David James

- Brochures and Art Tour Rack Cards have been printed and are being distributed
- Postcards are currently being sold wholesale to local businesses.
- ChehalisFest is being planned. There will be activities on Market Blvd, Chehalis Ave, Boistfort St, and Prindle St.
- Experience Chehalis is creating 8 selfie walls for Boistfort St.

Design Committee – Annalee Tobey

- Murals planned for this season include:
 - Kaija's wall
 - The long wall on West Street by National Frozen Foods which will be agricultural-themed based on their direction
 - Palmer Lumber which will be based on a vintage photo they provided
 - The Star Tavern/Royal Bakery wall the county commissioned a design
 - The design committee will be painting rocks at their meeting next week which will be held at Book n Brush upstairs.

Economic Alliance of Lewis County – Dolly Tardiff and Eric Sonnenberg

- The luncheon this month will be about inclusion in the workplace and will be hosted by Lewis County Autism, July 20th at noon at Jeremy's
- Their golf tournament will be Sept. 16 and they have added a long drive, raffle and other activities on Sept 15.

Lewis County – Commissioner Lindsey Pollack

- The downtown campus is currently under construction.