

FLOOD REDUCTION STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 19, 2005

Present: Bud Norris, Jana Hanson, David Brookings, Harry Hosey, Lorna Ellestad, Charles Bennett, Esco Bell, Neil Hamburg, Rick Boge, Jon Aarstad, Bob Boudinot, Bob Hart, Warren Gilbert, Bob Dean, Don Moe.

Call to order

Mayor Bud Norris called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

1. **Norris** and **Dave Brookings** provided an update on the Skagit County Public Works Committee meeting before the Board of Commissioners. **Brookings** explained that the commissioners agreed to the City's role as administrator and indicated that we should simplify the agreement and go back to previous language regarding the funding section .

Warren Gilbert stated that the partnership can prepare an ancillary agreement to handle any funding that the partnership receives or imposes..

Chuck Bennett discussed the evidence of damage to rip rap as a result of PSE lowering the dam.

Bob Dean asked if Drainage District 15 is involved.

Bob Hart indicated that the Drainage District does not need to be a partner in the interlocal.

Norris stated that the group would appreciate any input and participation from Drainage District 15.

There was general discussion regarding the makeup of the Steering and Executive Committees.

Neil Hamburg asked if in instances where the Executive Committee changes the recommendation of the Steering Committee that the Executive Committee position be sent back to the Steering Committee for consideration.

This change was inserted into the interlocal.

Bob Boudinot asked about a water surface structure.

Lorna Ellestad discussed the alternative measures and encouraged the partnership to participate in the evaluation.

Harry Hosey stated the importance of the group's participation and that it is critical that everyone in the partnership is informed. Hosey discussed the workshop on hydrology and scheduling a technical workshop once a month.

Norris asked for Harry's assistance with getting our congressional delegation to meet in Mount Vernon with the Exec. Comm. Harry indicated that both Murray and Larsen would be interested in an opportunity to meet with the group

Brookings discussed the Baker Dam relicensing and the DEIS to be issued by FERC.

There was general discussion about the Corps methodology vs. what has been used by PIE and the results of the HEC Davis evaluation. Hosey indicated that the work on the measures should be completed within 2 months.

Brookings stated on behalf of the Co. that the Co. is not in a hurry to complete the measures. It is important to get everyone up to speed on the efforts that are underway and an understanding of conditions.

Hamburg suggested that we still proceed with moving forward on some of the recommended measures.

There was discussion regarding the location of the overflow measure and Lorna introduced the Scope of Work for the measures work. DOT has been given a copy of this information.

Hosey stated that once the notice to proceed has been issued the County should begin setting up technical workshops.

Brookings indicated that he would set this up with Chal.

The group was asked to proceed with getting the interlocals signed and for the Dike and Drainage Districts to assign members to the Steering and Executive Committees.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15.