

SKAGIT RIVER FLOOD CONTROL COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

October 28, 1982

A regular meeting was called by the Chairman of the Skagit River Flood Control Committee and held in Hearing Room C, Skagit County Administration Building, October 28, 1982.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jess Knutzen.

Committee members in attendance were: Chairman Jess Knutzen
Vice-Chairman Bob Hulbert
Secretary Arnold Hansen
Bill White
Bob Dean
John Thompson
Richard Smith
Denny LeGro
Louis Parker
Owen Tronsdal
George Dynes
Larry Kunzler
Steve Ladd

Don Nelson, Public Works Flood Control Engineer, was also present.

The Chairman reported that the Executive Committee had met on October 21, 1982. The Chairman stated the Executive Committee discussed action to be taken to implement the committee's Flood Control Plan.

A proposed budget was submitted addressing the recommended projects in the Flood Control Plan.

The Chairman opened the meeting for discussion of the proposal.

George Dynes reported he had attended a meeting of the Pacific Northwest Waterways Association. This association is willing to meet with the committee and discuss the Sauk River Dam proposal.

It was generally agreed the committee should pursue this meeting.

Bob Dean questioned the amount of funds in the proposed budget for levee improvement. Mr. Dean felt the amount should be larger.

John Thompson questioned the amount funded to channel cleaning also should be larger.

The Chairman explained that due to the present economic conditions, budget requests must be restrained.

Louis Parker suggested that the proposal be taken to the Skagit Council of Governments to see if some cost sharing funds were available.

Steve Ladd stated that the only funding that he knew of would be from Community Development Block Grants. Mr. Ladd was not too optimistic with regard to obtaining such a grant.

Bob Hulbert suggested that the "Skagit River Flood Control Council", (this is a long standing council comprised of all the Dike and Drainage Commissioners, Soil Conservation District and Skagit County Public Works) be contacted and discuss the possibility of the dike districts participating in the program.

Bob Hulbert made the following motion:

1. That Puget Sound Power & Light Co. be contacted and a meeting with the Executive Committee be arranged to discuss the Sauk River Dam proposal.
2. That the proposed budget be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners (copy attached).
3. The Skagit County Council of Governments be contacted to determine the availability of grant monies.
4. That the "Skagit County Flood Control Council" be contacted to meet with the Executive Committee for the possible assistance in funding from the Dike Districts.

Motion seconded by George Dynes.

A short discussion took place mostly to clarify the intent of the motion. Motion passed.

The Chairman appointed George Dynes to contact Puget Power; Louis Parker to contact the Skagit Council of Governments and Don Nelson to contact the Skagit River Flood Control Council.

The Chairman also requested that Don Nelson request time on the November 9, 1982 Commissioners' agenda and to notify all of the committee members of confirmation of the time.

All members were urged to attend the meeting with the Commissioners.

Larry Kunzler read a part of his letter sent to the Washington State Department of Ecology requesting a meeting of all agencies involved with Skagit River flooding be held. Mr. Kunzler felt it vital that the Skagit River Flood Control Committee attend this meeting.

The Chairman stated the committee would attend such a meeting.

Denny LeGro made a brief report on the City of Mt. Vernon's progress with the floodplain ordinance. As Mr. LeGro had been out of town and the city council had just met, Mr. LeGro could not give a complete report at this time.

The Chairman passed the question of committee meetings.

It was agreed that meetings will be held at the pleasure of the Chairman.

Meeting adjourned.

DEN:bjs

SKAGIT RIVER FLOOD CONTROL COMMITTEE

Proposed Budget for 1983

In order to begin implementing the programs recommended in the Skagit River Flood Control Plan submitted by this committee, the following budget is respectfully submitted.

| | |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| 1. Sauk River Dam Study | \$ 10,000. |
| 2. Levee Improvement: | |
| Skagit County | 100,000. |
| Dike Districts | (100,000.) |
| 3. Channel cleaning | 10,000. |
| 4. Cross-section Skagit River at 15 locations | 4,500. |
| 5. Update Early Warning System | 1,000. |
| | <hr/> |
| TOTAL: | \$ 125,500. |

With Dike District Participation: \$ 225,500.