

SKAGIT COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING -- JUNE 8, 1978

The meeting was called to order by President Pete Walker.

The meeting was opened with a discussion of the appointment of Mr. Lloyd Johnson (Skagit County Engineer, retired) as Flood Control Coordinator. The Council was in favor of this appointment. Mr. Don Nelson reported that Mr. Johnson had been appointed Flood Control Coordinator of Skagit County by the Skagit County Commissioners and a contract was in the process of being drawn.

The Council discussed certain parties seeking information concerning the lower levee system from the various Districts and the Skagit County Engineer's Office. This party has indicated they are representing the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers as a consultant. The Corps has not retained this party.

Mr. Ray Skrinde (U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, retired) had been invited to the meeting to discuss certain design aspects of the lower levee project.

The Council's question to Mr. Skrinde was, "What is the Corps planning to do with regard to channeling or dredging the mouth of the North Fork of the Skagit River?"

Mr. Skrinde responded that the present plan was similar to the plan presented by the Corps in 1966. That no channeling of the mouth of the North Fork of the Skagit River was addressed in that plan or the present plan.

The Council questioned Mr. Skrinde regarding dredging of the mouth of the North Fork of the Skagit River.

Mr. Skrinde answered that he had done considerable study of dredging for the mouth of the North Fork as an Engineer for the Corps. That an undertaking of this nature would be very expensive. That a pile line or rock rip-rap line along each side of the channel would be necessary at great expense. That Skagit County would have to sign a maintenance agreement with the Corps to keep this channel clear once it was established. That most likely, this channel would need dredging each year. The cost to Skagit County for this maintenance operation would be prohibitive.

Mr. Skrinde went on to say no dredging of the mouth of the North Fork of the Skagit River was authorized by the present project.

Mr. Tony Tronsdal suggested the outlet of the North Fork of the Skagit River could be rechanneled to a more direct route by directing the river channel more south-westerly to Skagit Bay at a point known as Valentine's Bend.

Mr. Skrinde suggested a study of this proposal could be requested, but cautioned against soliciting unauthorized additions to the present project. Mr. Skrinde advised work of this nature should be reserved for future projects.

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The Council discussed holding a full Skagit County Flood Control meeting in August. Discussion will continue on this subject at the regular Board meeting on July 5, 1978.

Meeting was adjourned.

Next regular Board meeting will be July 5, 1978.

Respectfully Submitted,

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