

SKAGIT COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

October 4, 1978

President Pete Walker called the meeting to order.

Those in attendance were:

President	Pete Walker
Vice-President	Tony Tronsdal
Secretary	Don Nelson
Dike District #13	Bennie Anderson
Dike District #2	Alfred Tellesbo
Skagit County Engineer	W. Eugene Sampley

President Walker reported a meeting was held with members of the Flood Control Council, Skagit County Engineers, Skagit County Budget Director and the Skagit County Commissioners. A discussion was held with regard to funding Skagit County's portion of the Lower Levee Project. Several methods were outlined by the Budget Director. It was generally agreed, Commissioner authorized Revenue Bonds could account for a part of the funding and other sources such as funding from other Federal sources. Mr. Sampley explained the Commissioner Bonds would have to be retired from the General Fund. The possibility of seeking cost sharing funds from sources to replace those funds removed from the General Fund for the Levee Project are being explored. The Skagit County Engineer's Department will be attending meetings next week with Federal agencies exploring these funding sources.

Pete Walker and Don Nelson made a field trip with members from the Skagit County Parks Department, Skagit County Planning Department and the Army Corps of Engineers to assess the recreational aspects that could be incorporated into the Levee Project. Recreation projects are funded on a 50% basis and must be within the levee right-of-way. Several areas were visited along the levee project. It was generally agreed to preserve all existing recreational sites. To assess the possibility of park areas and fishing accesses in certain compatible areas. To confine any type of trail system along the levee to the urban area only. The Corps is considering this approach and will make proposals and recommendations.

Don Nelson reported that he and Mr. Sampley had visited the Seattle District Office of the Army Corps of Engineers on September 27, 1978. The Corps is coming along with their levee design. The proposed levee design will have a river capacity of 120,000 c.f.s. plus six (6) feet or a river capacity of approximately 160,000 c.f.s. This is a flood frequency of 50 to 70 years. Considerably higher than we first expected. The existing levees will be raised an average of 2 1/2 to 3 feet with a maximum around 4 feet.

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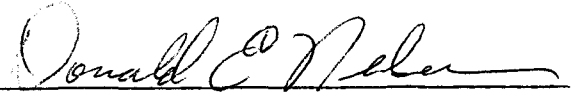
Mr. Sampley announced that Don Nelson has been appointed Flood Control Manager for the Skagit County Public Works Department. He will be available at all times to coordinate flood control (levee project) between Skagit County, the Dike and Drainage Districts, the Army Corps of Engineers and other agencies involved in flood control and drainage. Mr. Lloyd Johnson has been retained as a consultant and advisor to the Lower Levee Project.

The next regular meeting will be November 1, 1978 and will be a meeting of the Skagit County Flood Control Council. All Dike and Drainage District Commissioners are urged to attend. We will attempt to bring all our members up to date on the progress of the levee project. Don Nelson will send notice of this meeting to all members.

A short discussion was held concerning radio communication during a flood fight.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Donald E. Nelson
Secretary

Next meeting, General Meeting, of the Skagit County Flood Control Council, November 1, 1978. Notice of this meeting will be mailed to all members.