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SKAGIT COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

FEBRUARY 7, 1979

President Pete Walker called the meeting to order.

Those members present were:

- President - Pete Walker
- Vice-Pres.- Owen Tronsdal
- Secretary - Donald Nelson
- Directors - Oscar Helde
- Alfred Tellesbo
- Bennie Anderson
- Lawrence Hoffman
- Robert Hulbert

Donald Nelson presented the Board with a draft letter to be sent to the Congressman and the Senators, requesting support of the Levee Project.

The letter was read and discussed.

Mr. Bob Hulbert made a motion the letter be sent as written.

Motion was seconded and passed.

Considerable discussion took place regarding the feeling by some people that dredging the river is the answer to flood protection. Mr. Nelson pointed out that the Project as presented will not include dredging for a number of reasons. Mr. Nelson stated he had requested the Army Corps of Engineers to compile a Cost Estimate of dredging, what reasonable flood protection could be expected from dredging, and what the life expectancy of these benefits would be along with an annual maintenance cost to maintain the level of protection.

The Board reviewed the alternatives presented by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at the December 20, 1978 Public Workshop. The general concensus of the Skagit County Flood Control Council Board is that Alternative 3-E provides the best flood protection with the least adverse impact to any given area.

The Board discussed the possibility of the Dike Districts assisting Skagit County in financing the local portion of the Levee Project. The Board feels the Dike Districts should incur little expense for dike construction and maintenance for a considerable time after construction of the levees is completed. It has been roughly estimated that the combined Diking Districts have a tax base of about \$250,000,000. The Board feels an annual levee of about 50 cents per \$1,000 valuation would be reasonable. At this rate, the Diking Districts could raise about \$125,000 per year to assist Skagit County in financing the local portion of the Levee Project.

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A general meeting of all the members of the Skagit County Flood Control Council will be held on March 7, 1978, and the above Proposal will be presented to the Council at that time.

Meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting will be a general meeting of all members at 7:30 P.M., Wednesday, the 7th of March at the Skagit County Administration Building. Notices will be sent prior to meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Donald E. Nelson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

DONALD E. NELSON  
Secretary

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