

WORK FOR LARGE FLOOD DISTRICT

Committee and Dike and Drain- age Commissioners Plan Permanent Body

That an enlarged improvement district must be organized before any definite steps can be taken for protection against the high water of the Skagit river, was the opinion expressed at a meeting held here Thursday of the diking and drainage commissioners and the committee recently named to investigate means to prevent future floods. A vote of all present showed that this opinion was nearly unanimous. Another meeting of the committee will be held tonight, Chairman H. L. Willis stated.

Through discussion it was found that it would be necessary for the community to secure some outside assistance and that before this could be done some sort of permanent organization must be formed. The committee recommended this procedure to the commissioners. It also was deemed advisable to have the district adjoining Skagit county on the south take a part in the project and word has been sent to the commercial clubs of Stanwood and East Stanwood to help in the discussions.

Such an improvement district as has been suggested can be formed but it would be allowed only a small levy for its work which was shown would not be enough to do any great amount of flood prevention. It was thought advisable, however, to go ahead with organizing the enlarged district in order to have some sort of working body and a centralized force should legislative action be required to float a bond issue, if such became necessary.

The committee has not been working on any plan for the prevention of floods but has been securing a great amount of data in regard to the different ideas and theories for such a project. Mr. Willis stated that as soon as a permanent organization could be formed, the committee would ask to be discharged.

Allen R. Moore, Mr. Willis stated, is to appear before the committee tonight with his theory for the prevention of floods in the Skagit valley.