

TAXPAYERS TO STUDY FLOOD CONTROL PLAN

Following a lengthy discussion in Burlington city hall last night, members of the Skagit County Taxpayers association agreed that a committee should make an investigation of the proposed flood control district in Skagit county and issue a statement on the subject prior to December 3 when residents residing east of Swinomish channel will vote on the proposal.

Members of the committee named by President D. W. Barclay of the association to make the study and issue the statement are J. E. Ewing, Ed Sunnell, Phil Iverson, J. M. Gunderson, and Tom Lockhart.

While taxpayers present at last night's meeting did not argue against the proposed district, they were definitely in quest of more information as to the effect the district will have on the individual's tax bill in the event a district is approved by the voters.

If the district is organized, the present county commissioners will also serve as commissioners of the flood control district. Several at the meeting wanted an expression from the commissioners relative to their attitude on the subject. The commissioners would have power to levy a 2-mill tax each year, which would raise about \$25,000, and many at last night's session wanted to know if the commissioners were going to levy the entire amount, and if so,

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WPA flood control projects, the county agreed to bear five per cent of the cost, and to furnish six trucks, two shovels with drag line attachments, one auto, a pile driver, two tractors, donkey engine, one small and one large cement mixer, adequate rock for rip rapping and stumpage for brush. Five per cent of the \$216,000 project would approximate \$20,000.

Whether the county will be held to this agreement was not known. None of the county commissioners, who have been conferring with Nelson recently, could be reached for a statement.

Other units of the big project are \$37,000 for work on the upper Skagit from Hamilton to Marblemount, with some work on the branches of the delta area below Skagit City, and \$104,500 for work on Samish river from its mouth to Friday creek, and also a limited amount on Friday creek.

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