High Water?

Flood Council Decides Dike District Agency to Open Dikes if Necessary

More advance planning for aagit valley flood emergency is place this week.

Tuesday night 23 of the 48 commissioners of the county's diking districts attended aagit County Flood Control council meeting at the courthouse. About ten districts were presented.

One of the major agreements the group reached was as to who would have the right to order a dike "blown" to reduce pressure and hold downed damage. It was agreed was the right of the dike district commissioners.

The council asked Pete War and Tony Trondal to investigate prices and dependability of various makes of two-way radios. Coordination of the services of fire, police and sheriff's departments was discussed.

Joe Cain, county civil defense director, told the commissioners he could obtain cards for diking districts to sign up to have flood-fighting workers covered by state industrial insurance.

Other subjects discussed included how to coordinate flood control work, availability of sand bags and pay for help obtained during an emergency.

The council re-elected Earl Hanson, of River Bend, as president. Clayton M. Cheek, of the county engineer's office, is secretary-treasurer.

County Commissioner Bill Sullivan sat in on the meeting.