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Farmers Consider Plans For New Drainage District Here

A meeting of farmers of this district to consider a new drainage project will be held in the Sedro-Woolley Commercial club rooms on Saturday afternoon of this week at 2 o'clock. County Agent Bergstrom is in charge of the meeting and is developing plans for the proposed district. This matter was brought up in 1922 and is being considered again because certain farmers have asked for relief from the excess water in this district.

A preliminary meeting was held here on Friday of last week, when some 45 farmers gathered and discussed plans for the drainage district with Mr. Bergstrom, and A. B. Crane state drainage expert. The proposed drainage district extends about to Cokedale on the east, including the Northern State hospital lands; goes up to Duke's hill on the north, to the edge of town on the west and as far south toward the river as drainage is needed.

The meeting Friday was not a representative gathering, so that it was decided to hold another meeting this Saturday, February 14. H. Burmaster was named temporary chairman of the meeting Friday, and a committee was named to go over the boundary lines for the district as suggested in the old petition, and recommend changes. This committee included Zeno Blank, J. Snider and others, and a trip over the territory was made with Crane, the drainage expert. This committee will report at the meeting Saturday, at which it is expected more than 100

farmers and their wives will be present.

Those who oppose the drainage district because they say their land does not need drainage, will not be included in the proposed district, if drainage will not benefit them, Mr. Bergstrom said today. He estimates that the district will include between 4500 and 5000 acres in this district, and believes that enough of the farm owners in the district feel the need of drainage, to make the organization possible.

Estimated cost of such a drainage district scheme, and all available data will be included in the report to be made at Saturday's meeting.