

**THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE  
FRANZ JOSEF RATING DISTRICT  
HELD AT THE FRANZ JOSEF COMMUNITY HALL  
ON 16 SEPTEMBER 2010, COMMENCING AT 09.05 AM.**

**PRESENT**

K. Gibson, W. Costello (arrived 9.08), C. Brooks (arrived 9.11), J. Vyehaclif, G. Molloy (arrived 9.22)

**IN ATTENDANCE**

West Coast Regional Council  
B. Chinn, (Councillor), D. Davidson, (Councillor)  
S. Moran, W. Moen, T. Jellyman (Staff)

**APOLOGIES**

R. Daniel (WDC)

*K. Gibson / B. Chinn - Carried*

**BUSINESS**

D. Davidson opened the meeting and welcomed those present.  
He introduced himself and the Council staff.

**Moved:** *"That the minutes of the previous Annual Meeting held on 15 October 2009, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting."*

*K. Gibson / B. Chinn - Carried*

**MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the financial period ending 30 June 2010. The opening balance for the year was \$263,688.53 and the current credit balance is \$277,804.59.

**Moved:** *"That the financial report for the 2009 / 2010 year be adopted".*

*K. Gibson / W. Costello - Carried*

**MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

**WORKS REPORT**

W. Moen presented the detailed works report, which covered the 12-month period; 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010. He reported that \$23,486.38 worth of works was carried during the reporting period. As a result of the inspection carried out on the 7<sup>th</sup> of July 2010 an estimated \$13,000 worth of works were identified for the 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 period. W. Moen advised that includes \$3,000 to clear vegetation and \$10,000 for unforeseen works. W. Moen stated that this excludes the costs of a major upgrade.

## RECOMMENDATION

1. ***That the Works Report covering the 2009 / 2010 financial year be adopted.***
2. ***That the 2010 / 2011 works proposals be approved.***

*K. Gibson / C. Brooks – Carried*

## RATES 2011 / 2012

W. Moen advised that last year's rate strike was \$50,000 but the recommended rate strike for this year is \$100,000 (GST Excl). This would give a balance of approximately \$330,000 at the beginning of the 2011 / 2012 year. W. Moen recommended that the rate strike for this year be doubled to include the costs of the stopbank upgrade. W. Moen advised that the stopbank upgrade would impact on the rating district's account balance but a loan of \$100,000 is an option as this would then leave money in the rating district account to cover for contingency. Discussion took place on interest rates for a loan. S. Moran advised the rating district not to let their account get too low in case of emergency works. W. Moen advised that a resource consent needs to be applied for and he would then expect the upgrade to take place between January and June next year. W. Moen advised that the estimate for the stopbank upgrade is \$350,000, which would almost clear out the rating district account. W. Moen sent out a letter a few weeks ago to the rating district outlining the proposed upgrade. S. Moran advised that a further letter would be sent out to the Franz Josef Rating District to ascertain whether or not the rating district is in favour of the stopbank upgrade. He advised that once the responses are to hand Council would make a decision on the stopbank upgrade. C. Brooks asked if this would be done by postal vote. S. Moran confirmed that it would be. S. Moran advised that one option would be to leave the rate strike at \$50,000 and if the upgrade goes ahead then increase the rate strike to \$100,000. C. Brooks expressed his concern that very few people have turned up to this meeting. It was noted that the meeting papers and notice of this meeting was sent out to 80 people but only two have turned up to the meeting. Cr Davidson updated latecomers to the meeting of the reasoning behind the recommended rate strike.

**Moved:** ***"That the recommended rate strike for the 2011 / 2012 financial Year be \$50,000 but increased to \$100,000 GST Excl if the stopbank upgrade proceeds."***

*K. Gibson / C. Brooks – Carried*

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

T. Jellyman read out the names of the current members of the rating district committee. C. Brooks confirmed that all those currently on the committee are still in the area. It was agreed that the status quo would remain.

**Moved:** ***"That the present committee, namely:  
Chris Brooks  
Kevin Gibson  
Chris Roy  
Grant Gibbs  
Tim Gibb  
Ian Hartshorne  
be appointed as the committee for the 2010 / 2011 financial year."***

*C. Brooks / K. Gibson - Carried*

**Moved:** ***"That K. Gibson be re-elected as the spokesperson for the 2010 / 2011 financial year."***

*C. Brooks / K. Gibson - Carried*

## GENERAL BUSINESS

W. Moen stated that he has had some feedback from members of the rating district. He asked the meeting if there is a longterm plan in place for Franz Josef. W. Moen spoke of a phone call he had received from Anje Kramer enquiring if there were going to be any building going ahead in the flood prone areas. C. Brooks advised that parking is the only thing that he has heard off that would be going ahead in this area. W. Moen advised that the Hokitika Airport Authority has made an application for a resource consent to extend the stopbank over 100 metres down the bottom end and tying into the rating district stopbank. This is a distance of 400 metres to protect the helipad. W. Moen stated that he feels this is under designed and needs to be built to the same specifications as the two banks in the rating district. W. Moen has advised that unless this bank is built to the same specification then the rating district should not consider taking over this new bank. W. Moen advised that this is a private job.

Further discussion took place on the mail out to the rating district advising of the possible stopbank upgrade.

**Moved:           *"That feedback is sought from the Franz Josef Community, via a Council mail out, to ascertain whether or not the community is in favour of the stopbank upgrade."***

*K. Gibson / C. Brooks - Carried*

G. Molloy addressed the meeting. He stated that his property is on the Tatare River bank, which is 1.5 kms from the Waiho River. He wishes to be excluded from the rating district, as he cannot tap into this scheme to do river protection work on his property. Mr Molloy stated that he is not happy about the resource consent that is about to be applied for in the helipad area as he feels it is substandard and is concerned that the rating district's assets will be affected by this substandard stopbank. Mr Molloy had a map of the rating district on hand of the current boundaries, he would like to see the boundaries clearly outlined and a reclassification done of the rating district. S. Moran advised that Mr Molloy could be excluded from the rating district if the rating district is in agreement. Mr Molloy's property is within the rating district's boundaries. S. Moran advised that this has been done before but the matter would need to be discussed with the rating district first. S. Moran gave the example of those who pay into the Greymouth Floodwall rating district that live further away than others but still benefit from the flood protection that the floodwall provides to the CBD. Mr Molloy feels that he is not benefiting from paying into this rating district and he would like the West Coast Regional Council to look at the boundaries of the rating district. Mr Molloy stated that there are a lot of properties downstream of where the water flows and downstream of his properties. Mr Molloy feels that everyone downstream should be rated and asked why the Scenic Circle Hotel is not in the rating district. W. Moen stated that the members of the rating district decided who should be in the rating district and who shouldn't be. Discussion took place on who should be in the rating district and who shouldn't be. G. Molloy moved that his property be removed from the rating district. There was no seconder for this motion. Therefore an amendment was put to his motion.

**Moved:           *"That further input is sought from the Franz Josef Rating District as to the classification boundaries for this rating district."***

*K. Gibson / C. Brooks - Carried*

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.42 am.