

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
VINE CREEK RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT THE KOWHITIRANGI HALL
ON 21 SEPTEMBER 2010, COMMENCING AT 11.04 AM

PRESENT

B. Godfrey, P. Cook, J. Michell, T. Burden, N. Monk, R. Oats, B. Wilmshurst, W. Diedrichs

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council
D. Davidson, B. Chinn (Councillors)
C. Ingle, W. Moen, T. Jellyman (Staff)

APOLOGIES

B. Paterson, G. Monk

T. Burden / R. Oats - Carried

BUSINESS

B. Chinn 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 19 October 2009, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting."***

T. Burden / N. Monk - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

FINANCIAL REPORT

W. Moen presented the financial statement for the period ending 30 June 2010. He reported that the opening balance as at the 1st of July 2009 was \$119,123.42 and the closing balance as at 30 June 2010 was \$ \$115,574.73.

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

N. Monk / J. Michell - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

WORKS REPORT

W. Moen presented the works report for the 2009 / 2010 period. He advised that has been quite a lot of work done over the past 12 months. W. Moen advised that these repair works were the result of the heavy rain experienced in November, December and January. He advised that there was \$46,970.47 worth of works carried out during this time. W. Moen reported that following an inspection he carried out on the 15th of July \$112,000.00 worth of works were identified. He advised that \$100,000 of this is for a cleanout of the main channel he advised that a cheap price has been obtained for this

work and therefore this figure should reduce quite considerably. Mr Oats advised that the committee agreed he would pay for 25% of work that went on below his bridge and he has not yet received a bill from Council for this. He would also like to be included in the scheme. W. Moen stated that Mr Oats pays into the scheme and this part where the work was done is part of the scheme. W. Moen feels that a decision needs to be made today on the cost apportionments. J. Michell stated that if someone is in the scheme then they should get full benefit. W. Moen advised that the best scenario is if the scheme pays for everything otherwise apportionments will have to be introduced for other people as well.

Moved: *"That works downstream from Richard Oats bridge are totally paid for by the rating district scheme and no individual financial input is required".*

J. Michell/ T. Burden - Carried

N. Monk asked if all land near the bridge is included and is to be rated. W. Moen confirmed this.

RECOMMENDATION

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

J. Michell / N. Monk – Carried

RATES 2011 / 2012

W. Moen advised that the recommended rate strike is \$45,000 but this recommendation was made prior to the prices for the last job being to hand. He therefore feels that the rate strike should be increased to \$60,000 for the coming year. P. Cook asked W. Moen how much cheaper is the main channel clearout likely to be. W. Moen advised that spoil dumping could affect the unit rate but he guessed that it could be \$60,000 to \$70,000 for the total job. W. Diedrichs spoke of a fence that might need to be moved. W. Moen stated this would be paid for by the rating district. W. Moen stated that it is important to keep a balance on the height and strength of the bank and not to build up one side higher and wider than the other. W. Moen suggested that the job is done progressively so that both sides are built up equally. W. Moen is unsure of costs until he meets with the contractor. Discussion took place on the rate strike and it was agreed that in view of the cost savings on the next job then the rate strike could stay at \$45,000.

RECOMMENDATION

"That the rate strike for the 2011 / 2012 financial Year is \$45,000 (GST Excl)."

N. Monk / P. Cook – Carried

W. Moen advised that the cross section surveys were carried out on Vine Creek in March of this year. He advised that between June 2007 and March 2010 from the river to the bridge area has built up by 5000 m³ but this is generally stable and the build up is mainly in the riverbed itself. He advised that from the bridge to the first bend it has built up to 13,000 m³ and from the 1st bend to the 2nd bend it has built up by 12,000 m³ and from the 2nd upstream bend to the top it has now been dozed out and has been lowered by a metre in depth. It was noted that at the inspection the committee agreed to continue the cleanout downstream from where the bulldozing finished.

W. Diedrichs asked how would the spoil be dug out before it reaches the overload area down to the Whitcombe Valley Bridge. J. Michell advised that B. Wilmshurst agreed that spoil could be dumped on his property. W. Moen stated that a bulldozer can work quicker

stated that surveying is expensive and there are costs involved for the adjacent landowner. N. Monk feels that sooner or later people are going to be upset that their land is covered in gravel. W. Moen advised that he could supply aerial photographs with the boundaries superimposed but if the people want the boundaries pinpointed then this would need to be surveyed. W. Moen advised that there would come a time when spoil has to be carted away because there is no room left. R. Oats asked if the bottom is continually dug out would this help. N. Monk asked if there is any science behind how to get a creek to carry material better. W. Moen stated there are lots of theories but it would all cost money.

C. Ingle stated that this goes back to W. Moen suggestion of looking at the cliff face where the material is originating. C. Ingle advised that Council does have access to government funding grants to pay for investigations. He noted that this is a pretty unique situation. It was agreed that C. Ingle would investigate Envirolink funding to investigate the slip at the top of Vine Creek.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11.48 a.m.

Action Points

- Supply aerial maps of Vine Creek boundaries
- Investigate Envirolink funding for investigating solutions to the slip at the top of the Vine Creek catchment.