

## THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FRANZ JOSEF RATING DISTRICT HELD AT THE FRANZ JOSEF COMMUNITY HALL ON 13 OCTOBER 2011, COMMENCING AT 09.08 AM.

#### PRESENT

G. Molloy, K. Gibson, R. de Graff, K. Hartshorne, M. Fokkes

#### IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council

B. Chinn, (Councillor), D. Davidson, (Councillor)

M. Meehan, Moran, W. Moen, T. Jellyman (Staff)

#### APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

#### BUSINESS

Cr 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 16 September 2010, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting."*

*K. Gibson / K. Hartshorne - Carried*

#### MATTERS ARISING

Cr Davidson asked G. Molloy what was the outcome of his request to be excluded from the rating district. Mr Molloy advised that he would speak to this matter in the general business section of the meeting.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the financial period ending 30 June 2011. The opening balance for the year was \$277,804.59 and the closing balance is \$287,827.57. W. Moen advised that approximately \$170,000 is yet to come out of the account for the recent works that were done.

**Moved:** *"That the financial report for the 2010 / 2011 year be adopted".*

*R. de Graaf/ K. Gibson - 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 2010 to 30 June 2011. He reported that \$26,288.40 worth of works was carried during the reporting period. He advised that these were emergency works as a result of a heavy rainfall event on the 27<sup>th</sup> of December last year. W. Moen advised that these works were required to raise the Glacier Gateway Motel stopbank in an emergency situation and were carried out by Ferguson Brothers Ltd who had raised adjacent stopbanks for NZTA. W. Moen reported that the design that was ready to raise the exiting stopbanks over the whole scheme is now no longer relevant as due to the

heavy rainfall event on the 27<sup>th</sup> of December raising bed levels. W. Moen reported that in the absence of bed level data and new design work it was decided to raise the right bank stopbank by a metre to balance up with NZTA works on the other side. W. Moen advised that the final costs of this work was \$173,000. He stated that he is very happy with the workmanship of this job.

W. Moen suggested to the meeting that before a re-design of the scheme is done the rating district should wait for Mr Bob Hall's (Independent River Engineer) report on the longterm prognosis on how to handle the Waiho River. W. Moen stated that a special meeting might be arranged once Mr Hall's report is to hand so that the rating district can decide on where to from here. W. Moen stated that he is reluctant to do anymore design work on the scheme until Mr Hall's report is received. G. Molloy asked if council is working with NZTA on this as they are doing a lot of work in the area at the moment. M. Meehan responded that council is working with NZTA, Westland District Council and DoC on this matter and that all the agencies involved are willing to talk to each other and share information. G. Molloy stated that NZTA seems to have access to a lot of government money to enable the road to be kept open and to do works. K. Hartshorne asked why NZTA is not maintaining the Glacier Motels bank. W. Moen responded that this bank has also been part of the Franz Josef rating district scheme. M. Meehan advised that NZTA are required to ensure that the road is kept open and they do works as required for this purpose. W. Moen explained the boundaries of the rating district on the south side of the bridge.

W. Moen advised that as a result of the inspection carried out on the 29<sup>th</sup> of June 2011 \$210,000 worth of works were identified for the 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012 period. W. Moen advised that includes \$10,000 for unforeseen works.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

- 1. That the Works Report covering the 2010 / 2011 financial year be adopted.***
- 2. That the 2011 / 2012 works proposals be approved.***

*K. Gibson / G. Molloy – Carried*

## **RATES 2012 / 2013**

W. Moen advised the recommended rate strike for this year is \$100,000 (GST Excl). He stated that the recent works that were done cost around \$173,000 this money is yet to come out of the rating district account. W. Moen recommends that the rate strike for the coming year is the same as this year as this would leave a balance in the account of approximately of \$110,000.

**Moved:** ***"That the recommended rate strike for the 2012 / 2013 financial Year be \$100,000 GST Excl.***

*R. de Graaf / M. Fokkes – Carried*

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

T. Jellyman read out the names of the current members of the rating district committee. Kathy Hartshorne offered to replace Ian Hartshorne on the committee. G. Molloy was nominated by K. Gibson to join the committee.

**Moved:** ***"That the present committee, namely:***

***Chris Brooks***

***Kevin Gibson***

***Chris Roy***

***Grant Gibbs***

***Tim Gibb***

***Kathy Hartshorne***

***Gavin Molloy***

***be appointed as the committee for the 2011 / 2012 financial year."***

*K. Gibson / M. Fokkes - Carried*

**Moved:***"That K. Hartshorne be elected as the spokesperson for the 2011 / 2012 financial year."*

*R. de Graaf / M. Fokkes - Carried*

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

G. Molloy stated that last year he raised the issue of the heliport's stopbank that has now been constructed, he asked if the Regional Council was involved with this and if it is included in the rating district. W. Moen stated that it is included in the rating district but not maintained by the rating district. G. Molloy expressed his concern that this stopbank is not built to the required standard that the work in the rating district is built to. W. Moen clarified that the stopbank was built to protect the heliport and the rating district does not maintain these works. M. Meehan clarified that the rating district was originally designed to protect all the properties in the rating district and the heliport stopbank has been added on as extra protection by the Hokitika Airport Authority to protect the heliport. W. Moen advised that the stopbanks maintained by the rating district were designed to protect the township and not the helipad. W. Moen and G. Molloy discussed the history of the rating district boundaries and what areas are protected by works in place by the rating district. G. Molloy asked if the report awaited from Mr Hall is going to address the protection issue of Franz Josef within the scheme. W. Moen responded the Mr Hall's report would look at the Waiho River, the existing works that are in place and what should be done in the way of future works. Further discussion took place on the boundaries of the rating district and the benefit of being in a rating district. W. Moen stated that rating districts are about the benefit to the whole community as well as protecting land. Discussion took place on the possibility of a reclassification of the rating district. Cr Chinn advised G. Molloy to write to council requesting a reclassification of the Lower Waiho rating district. W. Moen clarified that input from the rest of the rating district would need to be sought. G. Molloy asked if there would be an opportunity to speak to Council. Cr Chinn responded that G. Molloy could ask attend the council meeting and ask for speaking rights.

K. Hartshorne asked why is the bank by the motel maintained by the rating district and not NZTA. W. Moen responded that when the rating district was established it was agreed to include this bank in the rating district scheme. M. Meehan advised asked the meeting if there was a desire from them for the south side of the rating district to be looked at as well. K. Hartshorne stated that NZTA might be willing to take over this side of the bridge as well. G. Molloy suggested that as a way forward the committee could get organised and attend the council meeting as he feels there are a number of issues that could be tidied up.

M. Meehan advised that he would ensure that Mr Hall's report is circulated to the rating district.

R. de Graaf stated that the river is not going to go away and there will always be another flood that will change the plan going forward.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.35 am.

### **Action Point:**

- Circulate Bob Hall's report to rating district.