

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
TARAMAKAU RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT MURRAY STEWART'S RESIDENCE
ON MONDAY 10 OCTOBER 2011, COMMENCING AT 1.35 PM.

PRESENT

M. Stewart, A. Stewart, D. Groot, S. Langridge, M. Dyke, B. Smart

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council
I. Cummings, (Councillor)
M. Meehan, W. Moen, T Jellyman (Staff)

APOLOGIES

Cr Robb, Cr Birchfield, J. Stewart, R. McCarthy, P. Stevenson

S. Langridge / A. Stewart - Carried

BUSINESS

Cr Cummings 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 13 September 2010, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting."***

D. Groot / S. Langridge - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

M. Stewart drew attention to page 1 of the minutes where it says 11,000 tonne of rock was required. This is should have read 1,100 tonne of rock.
S. Langridge drew attention to the page 2 of the minutes where the shifting of rock from the stockpile out onto the river should be charged out at an hourly rate. There had been discussion on hourly rate versus contracting pricing. W. Moen advised that the hourly rate had been used for Paul Steegh Contracting earlier in the year but this is still managed on a case by case basis, as sometimes it can be difficult to get contractors especially for emergency works.

FINANCIAL REPORT

W. Moen advised the opening balance was -\$1,733.73 and the closing balance is \$7,948.71. W. Moen advised that \$100,000 came into the account from rates but \$137,138.75 went out in contractor's costs. He advised that most of the costs to contractors was as a result of the December heavy rainfall event.

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

S. Langridge / D. Groot – Carried

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the financial report.

WORKS REPORT

W. Moen presented the detailed works report, which covered the 12-month period from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011. W. Moen advised that he carried out an inspection during July and as a result of this inspection it was agreed that the Hook Groyne would be raised, he advised that the cost was estimated at \$70,000 but it came in at \$45,600. He advised that a new deflector is to be put in at Dymac Farms and the cost estimate for this is around \$60,000. W. Moen advised that he has allowed an additional \$20,000 for unforeseen works. He advised that the total cost for estimated works is approximately \$125,000. Discussion took place on the length of the new deflector and it was agreed that this is less than 80 metres. W. Moen advised that this will be surveyed prior to the job starting. W. Moen advised that there would be \$60,000 coming into the account from the rate strike. D. Groot stated that it had been previously agreed that the new deflector would be put in once the willows have been removed from this area. He stated that there has been no water in this part of the river for the past three months. W. Moen advised that the rating district needs to decide whether or not they wish to go ahead with this work. It was agreed that it would be cheaper to do this work sooner rather than later. W. Moen advised that a resource consent is needed for this. It was agreed that W. Moen would get the consent process underway to raise the stopbank to a 400 year flood event standard as set out in the Good Earth Matters design report. M. Stewart requested that W. Moen circulate the plan for the upgrade prior to work commencing. Discussion took place on what requirements the consent should contain. M. Meehan advised that the consent would allow for minor variations so long as there is not an affect on any other property owner. It was agreed that a separate consent application for the new deflector at Dymac Farms would be applied for.

RECOMMENDATION

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

M. Dyke / D. Groot – Carried

RATES 2012 / 2013

W. Moen advised that with the proposed works and the rate of \$60,000, which is being collected now, the balance in the rating district account at the beginning of the 2012 / 2013 year is likely to be in deficit by \$65,000 and not \$86,000. This is due to the reduced cost for the raising of the hook groyne. W. Moen voiced his concern that the rating district is not striking a high enough rate to cover the works that they are doing. W. Moen advised that he is recommending a rate strike of \$100,000 for the 2012 / 2013 financial year. M. Stewart reminded W. Moen of the agreement this rating district has in place where they pay for emergency works if and when they need to. M. Stewart stated that history shows that this system works for this rating district. S. Langridge stated that there has been no issue with this system as everyone is in agreement with it. Discussion took place and it was agreed that the rate strike would be \$80,000.

RECOMMENDATION

"That the rate strike for the 2012 / 2013 financial Year is \$80,000 (GST Excl)."

D. Groot / S. Langridge - Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

T. Jellyman stated that traditionally all ratepayers in the rating district are members of the committee. D. Groot nominated S. Langridge as spokesperson in the interests of rotating this role.

Moved: *"That the committee will comprise of all current ratepayers."*

D. Groot/ M. Dyke – Carried

Moved: *"That S. Langridge be elected as Spokesperson for the 2011. 2012 financial year".*

D. Groot / M. Dyke – Carried

Moved: *"That A. Stewart be appointed as Deputy Spokesman for the 2011 / 2012 financial year."*

D. Groot / S. Langridge – Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

Cross Sections: W. Moen gave a summary of the cross sections on the Taramakau River, which were resurveyed in January 2011 with a comparison analysed between June 2009 and January 2011. He stated that there is a general build-up in the area from the bottom end of the stopbank to the lower gorge, and erosion immediately upstream for 4 cross sections, another build-up at the section opposite the culverts, and erosion immediately upstream to above the Hook (a significant erosion area in the general Hook area) and a small build-up to the upstream end of the scheme.

This equates to an overall depletion of 406,650 cubic metres of gravel over the last 19 month period. W. Moen stated that this is attributed to the fact the hook is narrowing down the channel of the floodwaters and the river is sluicing through this area and this is causing the erosion. W. Moen advised that the cross section information gives the rating district good information on what is happening in areas. A. Stewart asked for previous information on what has happened with cross sections over the last 10 years as this gives a history of what is happening now.

M. Stewart stated that the schoolhouse is paying a rate of around \$3 or \$4 and he feels that there is little point in them being in the rating district. W. Moen that to eliminate the schoolhouse from the rating district there may need to be a reclassification of the rating district so that a nil rate could be put in place. M. Meehan asked the meeting if they were all in agreement that the schoolhouse be removed from the rating district. All present confirmed that they are happy with this decision. M. Meehan agreed to follow this matter up with the Corporate Services Manager. S. Langridge stated that the schoolhouse was excluded from paying rates when it was operational and owned by the Ministry of Education.

There being no further rating district business to be discussed, the meeting closed at 2.17 pm.

Action Points:

- W. Moen to get the consent process underway to raise the stopbank to a 400 year flood event standard as set out in the Good Earth Matters report.
- W. Moen to circulate the plan for the stopbank upgrade prior to work commencing.
- W. Moen to apply for a separate consent application for the new deflector at Dymac Farms.
- W. Moen to give cross section information from the last ten years to A. Stewart.
- M. Meehan to liaise with Corporate Services Manager on how best to exclude the schoolhouse from the rating district.