

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
WANGANUI RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT THE HARI HARI RESTROOMS
ON 8 NOVEMBER 2016, COMMENCING AT 11.02 AM.

PRESENT

A. Campbell, M. Aynsley, G & K. Robertson, B. Johnson, N, Blackburn, S. Denham, B. McGrath, G & V. Eatwell

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council
P. McDonnell, (Councillor), S. Challenger (Councillor)
R. Beal, B. Russ, T. Jellyman (Staff)

APOLOGIES

R. Hodgkinson

Moved: *"That the apologies be accepted."*

K. Robertson / A. Campbell - Carried

BUSINESS

Cr Challenger opened the meeting and welcomed those present.
He introduced himself, Cr McDonnell and the Council staff.

Moved: *"That the minutes of the previous Annual Meeting held on 22 October 2015, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting."*

A. Campbell / M. Aynsley - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

Action points were updated. A. Campbell confirmed that the drains behind the restrooms were cleared.

FINANCIAL REPORT

R. Beal presented the financial statements for the financial period ending 30 June 2016. He advised that the opening balance was \$244,102.39 and the closing as at 30 June 2016 was \$258,275.33. R. Beal offered to answer questions. A. Campbell asked queried the consultant fee of \$1,484.99. B. Russ advised that this was for aerial photography using a drone. B. Russ offered to follow up on what was done. R. Beal advised that council staff are now being trained to operate a drone and a consultant will not be used for this work in future.

WORKS REPORT

B. Russ presented the detailed works report, which covered the 12-month period: 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016. He advised that a total of \$85,063.74 of works were carried out during the reporting period. B. Russ reported drains behind the Harihari restrooms were cleared out as requested at last year's meeting. He stated that a lot of the work carried out this year was emergency work.

B. Russ advised that he carried out an inspection with the spokesperson on 26 September 2016 and \$28,000 worth of works were identified, this figure includes \$20,000 for unforeseen maintenance. B. Russ advised that two turnaround areas would be constructed to make it easier for contractors.

B. Russ stated that he and A. Campbell have agreed that if emergency works are required a local contractor will be engaged to start the repair work as soon as possible. He stated that if more work is required then three tender prices will be sought and the cheapest tender price will be awarded to the contractor. B. Russ advised that the local contractor will stay on site until the new contractor starts work. A speaker asked what the criteria between emergency works and maintenance works is. B. Russ stated that if the stopbank is threatened and the river could chew through in a particular area then this would be emergency work. A. Campbell stated that if this happens and it is not repaired before the next flood then it becomes a bigger and more expensive job for the rating district.

B. Russ advised that he would check that the 225 metres of Raymond's bank has been included in the rating district.

B. Russ stated that an erosion peg has been put in down at the south end of the scheme. He advised that when the erosion gets to the peg then consideration will need to be given to doing some works. He advised that the options are to put in a deflector groyne on the corner and to do work as required downstream. A. Campbell advised that DoC own this land. B. Russ advised that this area does need a careful eye kept on it.

RATES 2016 / 2017

Cr Challenger advised that the recommended rate strike is \$100,000. The prudent reserve for this rating district is \$500,000. The balance in the rating district account at the beginning of the 2017 / 2018 financial year is likely to be \$342,046.32. A. Campbell suggested halving the rate strike. K. Robertson stated that she feels the rating district cannot afford to halve the rate strike, and if they do then they would need to catch it up again. Cr Challenger advised that it would be best to keep the rate strike the same until the prudent reserve is reached. Discussion took place and it was agreed that the rate strike would remain at \$100,000.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Cr Challenger read out the names of last year's committee members. He asked if anyone wishes to either stand down or join the committee. A. Campbell advised that J. Stewart no longer lives in the area but he still owns land in the rating district. It was agreed that J. Stewart would stay on the committee. A. Campbell nominated N. Blackburn. G. Robertson seconded the nomination. A. Campbell confirmed that he is happy to be the spokesperson for another year.

A. Campbell

R. Hodgkinson

G. Robertson

M. Aynsley (represents ratepayers in the township)

J. Arnold

J. Stewart

N. Blackburn is elected as the committee for the 2016 / 2017 financial year."

Moved: "That A. Campbell is re-elected as Spokesperson for the 2016 / 2017 financial year."

G. Robertson / B. McGrath - Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Challenger asked the meeting if they wished to have an annual meeting next year. Discussion took place. Cr Challenger stated that in view of the size of the catchment and the assets in the river a

meeting should be held each year. B. Russ agreed with this and stated that this is one of the larger rating districts.

A. Campbell raised the matter of raising the stopbanks. B. Russ advised that he has followed up on this and the raising of the stopbanks would definitely be capital works and would not be funded out of the maintenance budget. B. Russ stated that he would look at the cross sections and look at how much free board there is as there are some areas that need raising. A. Campbell stated that the landowners behind these areas would have to pay for the work.

B. Russ advised that he is putting tenders together for the spraying of stopbanks via helicopter. B. Russ stated that people can do their own spraying if they wish but the helicopter is much more efficient. Discussion took place on whether or not spraying should be done this year. B. McGrath stated that the north side has never been sprayed. It was agreed that B. Russ would report back to the committee once prices for the spraying are to hand.

B. Russ spoke of the two rock sources available, one is the goldmine and the other is J. Arnold's quarry on the north side of the Wanganui River. B. Russ stated that the Whataroa quarry is too far away. B. Russ advised that MBD Contracting Ltd now own the Whataroa quarry. A. Campbell stated that the other sources are closer and cheaper. B. Russ advised that there seems to be enough rock close by for the next few years.

Cr Challenger thanked the meeting for their attendance.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11.31 a.m.

Action Points for follow up

- B. Russ to follow up on the aerial photos and provide copies to A. Campbell.
- B. Russ to check that the 225 metres of Raymond's bank has been included in the rating district.
- B. Russ to report back to committee with prices for the spraying of the stopbanks.