

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
HELD ON 11 AUGUST 2020, AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL,  
388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 10.30 A.M.**

**PRESENT:**

S. Challenger (Chairman), A. Birchfield, P. Ewen, D. Magner, B. Cummings, J. Hill, L. Coll McLaughlin, J. Douglas, F. Tumahai

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

R. Mallinson (Acting Chief Executive), H. Mills (Planning, Science & Innovation Manager), H. McKay (Consents & Compliance Manager), N. Costley (Communications & Strategy Manager), T. Jellyman (Minutes Clerk), M. Schumacher (IT Support), The Media

**Cr Birchfield read the prayer.**

**1. APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies.

**PRESENTATION**

There was no presentation.

**2. MINUTES**

The Chairman asked the meeting if there were any changes to the minutes of the previous meeting.

**Moved** (Birchfield / Hill) *that the minutes of the previous Resource Management Committee meeting dated 14 July 2020, be confirmed as correct.*

*Carried*

**Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

**3. PUBLIC FORUM**

There was no public forum.

**4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Cr Challenger did not provide a report.

**5. REPORTS**

**5.1 PLANNING AND OPERATIONS GROUP**

**5.1.1 PLANNING REPORT & HYDROLOGY REPORT**

H. Mills spoke to his report and advised that appeal on Plan Change 1 to the Land and Water Plan has been narrowed down to Lake Kini specifically. He stated this will allow work to move forward with all of the other changes that came through in the Land and Water Plan. H. Mills stated that a consent memorandum has been lodged to go into mediation, instead of going directly to Court.

H. Mills advised that the Kawatiri FMU are currently finalising their recommendations and will then bring a report to the next meeting.

H. Mills advised that Mr Kees Van Beek has been elected Chair of the Hokitika FMU.

H. Mills advised that there has been a review of the Resource Review of resource management system and there may be some changes coming out of this. H. Mills answered questions from Councillors.

**Moved** (Cummings / Coll McLaughlin) *That the report is received.*

*Carried*

### **5.1.2 GREY FRESHWATER MANAGEMENT UNIT RECOMMENDATIONS**

H. Mills spoke to this report and introduced Sonya Perkin, Stu Bland, and Murray Hay (Councillor GDC) to the meeting. H. Mills advised that all three were on the Grey FMU group. J. Horrox (Science Team Leader) was introduced to the meeting. Philippa Lynch from Ngai Tahu was also introduced as she is a member of the group. H. Mills advised that 18 meetings were held in total.

S. Perkin addressed the meeting. She advised that F. Tumahai and Cr Cummings were also members of the FMU. S. Perkin spoke of other members who are members of the group. S. Perkin stated that the group were supported by Council staff and was formed in October 2018. S. Perkin provided background information on the FMU and spoke of the values of the FMU. S. Perkin explained how the group worked through their values and attributes, objectives, limits and methods. She spoke extensively and explained each of the recommendations. S. Perkin offered to answer questions.

Cr Cummings asked S. Perkins what the feeling from farmers is regarding the changes to rules. S. Perkins responded that farmers are mainly happy, and are probably more concerned with cropping restrictions.

H. Mills advised that a full report on the freshwater package will be brought to next month's meeting. He stated that he is hopeful there will be a lot of funding coming for the West Coast.

S. Bland advised that he uses irrigation on his farm. He explained requirements for irrigation and stated that the 35 year criteria for water takes is too long, but 10 years could sometimes be too short. Cr Coll McLaughlin asked if the ten year requirement means going through the full consenting process again, or potentially an allocation could be jeopardized, or is there a reassessment of effect as the 10 years comes up. S. Perkins responded that the group feels that a review after 10 years would be good and if water allocations do need to be tightened up then this is more realistic.

It was agreed that the FMU supports the rules for the Lake Brunner catchment rule being included in the Land and Water Plan. H. Mills advised that the recommendations in the report will go through the LTP process.

H. Mills advised that extra funding will be required for the monitoring of more sites but this will go through the LTP pathway

H. Mills answered questions from Councilors and confirmed that the recommendations will be implemented where possible and practicable.

Cr Ewen drew attention to minor a mistake with regards to Mirfins Creek. H. Mills advised that he will amendment this.

H. Mills stated that a rigorous process will need to be gone through to put the recommendations into the Land and Water Plan. H. Mills and The Chairman thanked members for the Grey FMU for their attendance.

**Moved** (Coll McLaughlin / Cummings)

*That the Council approves the Grey Freshwater Management Unit Group Recommendations, to be implemented as much as practicable, to give effect to National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2017.*

*Against Cr Birchfield  
Carried*

### **5.1.3 REEFTON AIR QUALITY SUMMARY**

H. Mills spoke to this report and advised that there have been no breaches of the NES for air quality in Reefton during the reporting period.

**Moved** (Ewen / Cummings)

*Carried*

### **5.2.1 CONSENTS MONTHLY REPORT**

H. McKay spoke to this report and advised that three consent site visits were carried out during the reporting period. She reported that six non-notified resources consents were granted, and nine changes to consent conditions were granted during the reporting period, along with one limited notified consent received.

H. McKay answered questions from J. Douglas regarding the increase in herd numbers at Kokatahi and offered to follow up on this.

**Moved** (Magner / Ewen) *That the August 2020 report of the Consents Group be received.*

*Carried*

## 5.2.2 COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT

H. McKay spoke to this report and advised that 76 site visits were carried out during the reporting period, there were no dairy farm inspections during the reporting period due to this being the dry season. She stated that inspections will resume in October once the calving period has finished.

She advised 14 complaints or incidents were recorded and three non-compliances during the reporting period. H. McKay reported that as a result of previously reported incidents, two infringement notices and three abatement notices were issued during the reporting period.

H. McKay reported that two mining work programmes were received during the reporting period and both were approved. H. McKay advised that two bonds were received, and one bond is recommended for release.

J. Douglas requested further information on the Fitzherbert Investments Ltd gold mining activities at Kaniere.

H. McKay responded that a variation for this consent is currently being processed but is not yet through but she will forward this information to J. Douglas once it is to hand.

Cr Ewen asked if the amount for the Oceana Gold Ltd bond is correct. H. McKay offered to follow up on this via email to councillors. She also agreed to follow up on the bond for Elect Mining Ltd.

Cr Birchfield noted that there have been three trips to Awatuna recently by Compliance staff, with the sites visited compliant each time. Cr Birchfield is concerned that this are serial complainants in this area. H. McKay acknowledged that there has been a flurry of complaints, but advised that these operations are in quite close proximity to residential addresses. She agreed that this is a balancing act but is also an area that staff pass through frequently, and is easy to check.

**Moved** (Birchfield / Cummings)

1. *That the August 2020 report of the Compliance Group be received.*
2. *That the bond of \$10,000 for RC09092 Mill Creek Mining Ltd be released.*

*Carried*

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

There was no general business.

The meeting closed at 11.12 a.m.

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